**Gov. Beshear Announces $500,000 to Four Counties for Application of Rubber-Modified Asphalt to Roadways**

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**FRANKFORT, Ky. (May 13, 2024)** – Today, Gov. Andy Beshear and Energy and Environment Cabinet (EEC) Secretary Rebecca Goodman announced that $566,176 in grant funding has been awarded to four counties for rubber-modified asphalt projects using waste tires.

Counties receiving grants include: Christian County ($117,124.99), Meade County ($125,280.00), Todd County ($156,571.00), and Trimble County ($167,199.95).

The grant funding will be used for the application of asphalt overlay to county roads. Thin asphalt overlays using rubber-modified asphalt have been shown to reduce noise, are more resistant to cracking and rutting, and increase the life of the roadway by 7 to 10 years.

Roads being surfaced include: Millers Mill Road in Christian County, Old Ekron Road in Meade County, State Line Road in Todd County, and Milton-Bedford Pike in Trimble County. Selected roads have road culverts, shoulders and bases in good condition.

Team Kentucky accepts applications for rubber-modified asphalt grants during March and April. Successful projects see a cost-effective, performance-enhancing additive for county paving projects and improve end-use markets for recycled tires, which can lead to better waste tire management across the commonwealth.

The money for these projects comes from the Kentucky Waste Tire Trust Fund, which receives $2 from every new tire sold in the commonwealth.

As a condition of the grant funding, counties agree to pay for the application of conventional chip seal or thin overlay on a road in their county with similar characteristics, to allow for comparison between conventional and rubber-modified asphalt.

This is the eighth year RMA grants have been offered and have funded nearly $3.6 million worth of projects in 31 counties since the grant program began.