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SUBJECT: Using FM Funds to renew Granular Surfaced Farm-to-Market Roads

DATE: April 7, 2008

Many counties are experiencing sharply increased costs this spring to restore their granular surfaced roads due to the effects of this past harsh winter. We recognize the strain this is placing on your local budgets.

The Farm-to-Market (FM) fund balance should be sufficient to allow some counties to use their FM funds to renew existing granular surfaced FM roads with granular material. Although I.M. 3.211 provides guidelines for setting up a project to accomplish this, we're implementing the following modifications:

- The FM project may be let locally but will need to be in the county's five year program, be advertized, (e.g. one notice in the DOT Letting Bulletin would suffice) and the material will need to be delivered to the FM roads.
- Due to the emergency nature we will not require the Districts to do field exams or address the evaluations listed in "a." through "g." in order to approve your project. The Districts will need to confirm, based on plans submitted for review, that the project only covers material placed on FM roads.
- The project cost will be reflected in your county's FM balance but we will not apply these costs in the current two year borrowing limit, although the maximum to borrow is still limited to the conditions under Code Section 310.27 (current fiscal year plus four).

Because there is only a certain amount of funds available, please contact

your District Local Systems Engineer if you plan to use some of your FM funds in this manner. We do need to monitor the impacts and may need to limit expenditures if there is a strong demand for funds to help out with this situation.

Please do not hit the reply option in your e-mail note.

Thanks

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