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Governor

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Secretary

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MEMORANDUM TO: Division Engineers

FROM: Michael L. Holder, P.E., Chief Engineer

SUBJECT: Survey of Non-System Roads and Pilot Program

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Section 90.5 of Senate Bill 119 requires the Department of Transportation to conduct a survey of the paved and unpaved roads in this State that are open to the public, but are not currently a part of the State system and report findings from the survey to the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee by June 30, 2016. Municipal, state park and federally-owned roads are excluded from the survey.

As you know, in addition to this survey, the Department was directed to implement a pilot program using \$1M of secondary road paving funds to provide minimal maintenance for paved and unpaved roads open to the public, but currently not a part of the state system. The road selection process for the pilot program has been completed and work will begin in early spring. In this same vein, there is a growing desire among legislators, local government planners and industry partners to understand just how much inventory exists of roads open to the public, but not publicly maintained. Use of the survey data will be determined by the legislature.

The survey will involve visiting roads and verifying/collecting data displayed on mapping data acquired from county 911-data layers. Initial data shows some 141,000 roads totaling approximately 36,500 miles of non-system roads. The data verification/collection task will be accomplished between Feb 1 and May 31 by consultants using existing on-call contracts administered by the Management Systems and Assessments Unit (MSAU).

Please make you staff aware of this survey of non-system roads in the event they receive inquiries from citizens and local government officials. Feel free to contact Lonnie Watkins or Delbert Roddenberry if you have questions or need additional information.

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