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Tippecanoe County Residents

RE: 2020 Dust Lay

Dear Resident,

The COVID-19 Pandemic and resulting restrictions have greatly reduced travel across Indiana. Unfortunately, both of our primary funding sources for road construction and maintenance (accounting for 64% of our total budget) are dependent upon gas tax revenue. As a result, we are being forced to make substantial cuts in our normal and planned expenditures.

In addition, we currently have multiple ongoing financial commitments relating to federally subsidized reconstruction projects, and a variety of essential repairs, improvements, and structure replacements already in process, which further reduce our discretionary spending power.

Because of the significant shortfall in revenues, Tippecanoe County will not be able to continue the Dust Lay program.

Be assured that, while it will be necessary for us to make large cuts to a variety of programs, we are prioritizing essential maintenance and reconstruction projects. We strive always, to be good stewards of your tax dollars.

Best Regards,

Stewart W. Kline

Executive Director, Highway Department

CC: Tippecanoe County Board of Commissioners