



August 19, 2024

Mr. Aaron Thompson, President  
Council on Postsecondary Education  
1024 Capital Center Drive, Suite 320  
Frankfort, KY. 40601

Re: Asset Preservation Pool Approval Request

Dear President Thompson:

In accordance with the 2024-2026 asset preservation pool guidelines, KCTCS is requesting approval for the razing and replacement of a bridge at Southeast Kentucky Community and Technical College Whitesburg Campus. This project will replace the pedestrian bridge which is closed due to structural issues. Students do not currently have access to go from the Belinda Mason Building to the Allied Health Building at the Whitesburg Campus without walking or driving to another bridge to cross the creek.

A study was completed in January 2020 by Brown & Kubican Structural Engineers to determine the cost of renovating the bridge or if more cost efficient to build a new bridge on the Whitesburg Campus. Per the study, the cost to renovate would be \$602,319 and the cost to build new would be \$609,452. The study is attached for reference. The cost to raze and replace is less than 115% of the cost to renovate the facility. The estimate in the 2024-2026 budget was \$1,800,000. The increase is due to the price of steel going up significantly. After reviewing the estimate, we have lowered it to \$1,395,000.

If CPE approves a new bridge, we would like to begin design work with the 2024-2026 asset preservation funds of \$1,395,000 at this time. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Andy Casebier at 859-256-3287.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Todd Kilburn". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Todd Kilburn  
Vice President

cc: Dr. Ryan K. Quarles, KCTCS President  
Ryan Kaffenberger  
Carla Wright  
Andy Casebier  
Sandy Adkins



## KCTCS Southeast KY CTC

Attachment B

Whitesburg Campus Pedestrian Bridge Raze and Replace Project

For accessing 2024-26 Asset Preservation Pool funds

Cost Comparisons

Source: Brown and Kubican Structural Engineers, January 2020

*"If it would be more cost effective to raze and replace rather than renovate an existing facility, then asset preservation funds may be used for demolition and reconstruction. For such a project to be considered cost effective, the cost to raze and replace may not exceed 115% of the cost required to renovate a facility. The cost of each option must be certified in writing by an independent third-party industry professional." - Asset Preservation Pool Guidelines*

### Cost Estimates

*Renovation* \$602,319.20

*Raze and Replace* \$609,452.50

### Cost Comparison

**101.18%**

Do the cost estimates meet Council guidelines?

Yes