

2021 REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BUDGET REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
of the
HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND REVENUE

1st Meeting

March 15, 2021

The House Budget Review Subcommittee on Transportation of the House Standing Committee on Appropriations and Revenue held its first meeting of the 2021 Regular Session on March 15, 2021, at 10:00 AM, in Room 149 of the Capitol Annex. Chair Santoro called the meeting to order, and the secretary called the roll.

Members Present: Representative Sal Santoro, Chair; Representatives Samara Heavrin, Thomas Huff, Shawn McPherson, Phillip Pratt, Rachel Roberts, Cherlynn Stevenson, and Ken Upchurch.

Guests: Secretary Jim Gray, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC); James Ballinger, State Highway Engineer, KYTC; Robin Brewer, Executive Director, Office of Budget and Fiscal Management, KYTC; and, Kenny Bishop, Legislative Director, KYTC.

LRC Staff: Justin Perry, David Talley, Ben Thompson, and Spring Emerson.

Chair Santoro welcomed Representatives Shawn McPherson, Rachel Roberts, and Cherlynn Stevenson as new members of the subcommittee.

Update on Flood Damage in Eastern Kentucky

Secretary Gray, Mr. Ballinger, and Ms. Brewer provided a presentation updating the subcommittee on the recent weather-related damage in the eastern part of the state.

In response to a question from Chair Santoro regarding Kentucky's gas tax, Secretary Gray said his counterparts in other states feel that a federal infrastructure package is on the way, and expressed his concern regarding any matching funds that may be required to use those federal funds.

Chair Santoro commented that a fair and reasonable gasoline tax seems sensible in the current situation.

Secretary Gray commented that with the use of funds to assist with the severity of the recent weather-related damage, there would be fewer funds for new projects.

There being no further business before the subcommittee, a motion was made by Representative Heavrin to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Representative Huff, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:39 AM.