

INTERIM JOINT COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND REVENUE

Budget Review Subcommittee on Transportation

Minutes of the 3rd Meeting of the 2019 Interim

August 20, 2019

Call to Order and Roll Call

The third meeting of the Budget Review Subcommittee on Transportation of the Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations and Revenue was held on Tuesday, August 20, 2019, at 10:00 AM, in Room 131 of the Capitol Annex. Representative Sal Santoro, Chair, called the meeting to order, and the secretary called the roll.

Present were:

Members: Senator Jimmy Higdon, Co-Chair; Representative Sal Santoro, Co-Chair; Senators Dennis Parrett and Robin L. Webb; Representatives Chris Fugate, Chris Harris, Thomas Huff, Phillip Pratt, John Sims Jr, and Ken Upchurch.

Guests: Robin Brewer, Executive Director, Office of Budget and Financial Management, KYTC; Paul Looney, Deputy Secretary, KYTC; and, Jon Wilcoxson, Deputy State Highway Engineer, KYTC.

LRC Staff: Justin Perry, Tammy Branham, and Spring Emerson.

Approval of Minutes

Chair Santoro called for a motion to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2019 meeting. The motion was made by Representative Fugate, seconded by Representative Sims, and the minutes were approved without objection.

Fiscal Year 2019 Closeout

Robin Brewer provided an overview of the KYTC fiscal year 2019 closeout.

In response to a question from Co-Chair Higdon regarding motor vehicle usage tax revenues and the trade-in credit, Ms. Brewer said the average revenue lost for the trade-in credit has consistently been between \$42 million and \$45 million per year.

Project Letting Process

Deputy Secretary Looney provided an explanation and overview of the Six-Year Road Plan project letting process.

In response to a question from Chair Santoro regarding highway maintenance records and the lifespan of highways, Mr. Looney said the Pavement Management Branch within the Division of Highway Maintenance keeps very good records. The entire 28,000 miles of interstates, parkways, and national highway systems are inspected on a three-year cycle. The average lifespan of an asphalt pavement on the interstate highways is approximately eleven years. Parkways and national highway systems are averaging a lifespan of about 14 years.

In response to a question from Co-Chair Higdon, Mr. Wilcoxson said the single-bid estimates work out to be almost right on target with the KYTC engineering estimates. Projects with multiple bidders are approximately 8.9 percent below the engineering estimates. Mr. Looney said competition among bidders drives down costs.

Chair Santoro expressed his concerns with single-bid projects, and commented that transparency in the bidding process for multiple-bid projects is very important.

In response to a comment from Co-Chair Higdon regarding local Strategic Highway Investment Formula for Tomorrow (SHIFT) meetings being held during the first three months of the year, Mr. Looney said they would look into rescheduling those meetings in order for legislative members to be able to attend.

Chair Santoro commented that he receives many compliments on the SHIFT program.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Representative Fugate, seconded by Representative Upchurch, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:35 AM.