

INTERIM JOINT COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND REVENUE

Budget Review Subcommittee on Transportation

Minutes of the 1st Meeting of the 2020 Interim

June 3, 2020

Call to Order and Roll Call

The first meeting of the Budget Review Subcommittee on Transportation of the Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations and Revenue was held on Wednesday, June 3, 2020, at 10:30 AM, in Room 171 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 Christian McDaniel, Robin Webb, and Max Wise; Representatives Chris Fugate, Chris Harris, Samara Heavrin, Thomas Huff, Brandon Reed, and John Sims Jr.

Guests: Jim Gray, Secretary, Transportation Cabinet (KYTC); Deputy Secretary Mike Hancock, KYTC; and, Robin Brewer, Executive Director, Office of Budget and Fiscal Management, KYTC.

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

Secretary Gray, Deputy Secretary Hancock, and Robin Brewer provided an overview of budgetary concerns within the KYTC.

Chair Santoro commented that no contracts were cancelled, only suspended temporarily.

In response to a question from Senator McDaniel regarding traffic counts for new developments, Deputy Secretary Hancock said the traffic counts in question could be a local development count rather than a KYTC count for existing roadways. He added that he will look into it further.

In response to a question from Senator McDaniel regarding a REAL ID office in Boone County, Secretary Gray said they are currently working on that.

In response to a question from Co-Chair Higdon regarding the capability of online licensing, Secretary Gray said the subject is still being examined, and the selected vendors are in the process of updating their technology systems.

Co-Chair Higdon commented that the deadline for REAL ID being moved out a year has provided us a welcome reprieve.

Representative Heavrin commended Deputy Secretary Hancock for his quick response to a recent Grayson County bridge issue. She asked about Bridging Kentucky projects and when they are anticipated to start up again. Secretary Gray said it would be dangerous to the cash flow model to make commitments at this time. Deputy Secretary Hancock added that a number of projects had been accelerated to 2019, and all bridge projects are continuing to move forward as planned, which is a continuation of the Pause 50 from 2016.

In response to a question from Representative Harris, Secretary Gray said contractors are willing to proceed without charging penalties for contract suspensions.

There being no further questions, the meeting was adjourned at 11:12 AM.