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WATERWAYS



➤ **HB 1 2024 Riverport Funding**

- \$18.5 million for the Riverport Asset Preservation Program
 - \$7,500,000 in each fiscal year to the general administration and support budget at KYTC to improve public riverports for construction and maintenance

➤ **Funding Status**

- Nearly all funding in each fiscal year has been awarded

➤ **2026 Request**

- \$30 million for the Riverport Asset Preservation Program.
 - Allow funding in the first year and to carryforward over the two-year period
 - Maintain annual funding of \$500,000 in the Riverport Financial Assistance Trust Fund

Brian Wright - Owensboro Riverport Authority

Ben Wheithman - Henderson County Riverport Authority



RAIL



➤ **HB 1 2024 Rail Funding**

- \$15 million for the short line infrastructure preservation program within the Kentucky Rail Development Program (KSLIP)
- \$15 million for the industrial access and safety program within the Kentucky Rail Development Program (KASI)

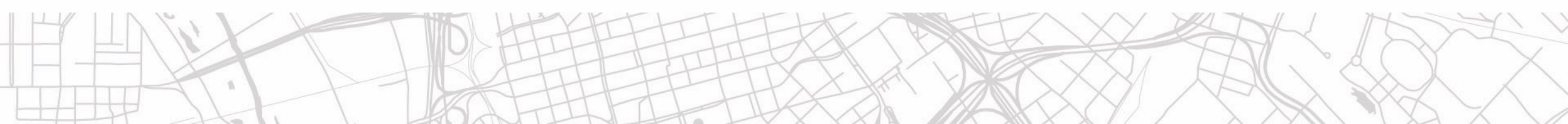
➤ **Funding Status**

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➤ **2026 Request**

- Reauthorize same funding levels as 2024: \$15M for KSLIP and \$15M for KIASI

Tyler White – RJ Corman



AVIATION



➤ **HB 1 Aviation**

- \$35,000,000 in fiscal year 2024-2025 to support Economic Development and commercial airports
- \$11.6 M for General Aviation airport support allocating \$200,000 to each GA

➤ **Funding Status**

- All funding in each fiscal year has been awarded

➤ **2026 Request**

- Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) Study
- Support the funding requests and work of KAA, General Aviation Airports and our Commercial Service Airports



Megan Thoben - Louisville Regional Airport Authority
Emily Herron - Henderson City- County Airport



PUBLIC TRANSIT

- **HB 265 2024 Transportation Cabinet Budget - \$10,575,800 each year**
- **Challenges and Opportunities**
 - Paratransit unfunded federal mandate
 - First-Mile/Last-Mile (FM/LM) connections: micromobility
 - Workforce
 - Housing
- **2026 Request**
 - Continue funding Public Transit at levels to support the Commonwealth's needs

Fred Combs - LexTran



ROAD NETWORK



➤ **HB 1 2024 Funding**

- \$450M General Fund Transfer
- City County Programs (LARP)

➤ **Funding Concerns**

- Gas tax dollars = 2015 levels
- Cars are more fuel efficient
- EV fees are lowest of surrounding states, hybrid fees eliminated
- Only level 3 chargers are taxable for kw/hr (many exempt)

➤ **2026 Request**

- Continue with short term support with a GF transfer
- Address ways to modernize Road Funding
 - Adjust EV fees & consider other fuel sources as appropriate
 - Continue to reduce diversions
 - What's next – long term strategy for transportation funding
 - Change MFT index from AWP of fuel to Construction Cost Index

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THANK YOU!

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