

1 AN ACT relating to roads and streets maintained by local governments.

2 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

3 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 176 IS CREATED TO  
4 READ AS FOLLOWS:

5 *As used in this Sections 1 to 4 of this Act:*

6 *(1) "County population ranking" has the same meaning as in KRS 154.21-015;*

7 *(2) "County roads" has the same meaning as in KRS 178.010;*

8 *(3) "Local Assistance Road Program" or "LARP" means a list of rehabilitation*  
9 *projects on county roads, streets, and urban roads identified by the General*  
10 *Assembly for funding grants; and*

11 *(4) "Streets" and "urban roads" have the same meaning as in KRS 177.365.*

12 ➔SECTION 2. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 176 IS CREATED TO  
13 READ AS FOLLOWS:

14 *(1) (a) The cabinet shall establish procedures by which a city or county may make*  
15 *application for portions of county roads, streets, and urban roads in its*  
16 *jurisdiction to be considered for grants from the LARP.*

17 *(b) A city or county may submit to the cabinet for consideration for the LARP*  
18 *only those rehabilitation projects that bring the road or street back to its*  
19 *original condition and shall not submit projects that increase capacity or*  
20 *involve other improvements over the original design of the road.*

21 *(c) The maximum amount of funding that a city or county may receive for any*  
22 *individual project under a LARP grant is five hundred thousand dollars*  
23 *(\$500,000).*

24 *(d) Beginning on June 1 of each year, a city or county may submit projects for*  
25 *consideration for LARP grants to the cabinet in advance of each regular*  
26 *session of the General Assembly. In order to be considered for funding*  
27 *during a regular session of the General Assembly, the submission shall be*

1 made by October 1 of the preceding year. A project submitted in a previous  
 2 year that was not selected shall be resubmitted under a new application in  
 3 order to be considered in a future year.

4 (2) For each project application submitted under subsection (1) of this section, the  
 5 cabinet shall:

6 (a) Review the project to ensure it meets the requirements of subsection (1)(b)  
 7 of this section; and

8 (b) Evaluate the project in accordance with Section 3 of this Act within thirty  
 9 (30) days of the submission of the application.

10 (3) Beginning on July 1 of each year, the cabinet shall submit to the General  
 11 Assembly through the Legislative Research Commission a list of all project  
 12 requests submitted under subsection (1) of this section that have been evaluated  
 13 by the cabinet in the previous month. The list shall be divided into two (2)  
 14 sections, one (1) section listing projects involving county roads, and one (1)  
 15 section listing projects involving streets and urban roads. The list shall, at a  
 16 minimum, include the following information for each project:

17 (a) The name of the city or county responsible for maintaining the road or  
 18 street;

19 (b) A unique project identification number;

20 (c) The route and highway district where the project is located;

21 (d) The length of the project to the nearest one-tenth (1/10) of a mile;

22 (e) A description of the project and the scope of rehabilitation;

23 (f) The score assigned by the highway district for the project;

24 (g) A narrative description of the reasoning for the numerical score assigned  
 25 under paragraph (f) of this subsection;

26 (h) Photographs of the project area showing the scope of work, with at least one  
 27 (1) photograph of every three hundred (300) feet of roadway; and

1 (i) The estimated cost to complete the project.

2 (4) No later than November 1 of each year, the cabinet shall submit to the General  
 3 Assembly through the Legislative Research Commission a list of all project  
 4 requests submitted under subsection (1) of this section for the year, containing  
 5 the same information listed in subsection (3) of this section.

6 (5) The General Assembly shall make the final determination of which projects are  
 7 to be awarded grants under the LARP.

8 ➔SECTION 3. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 176 IS CREATED TO  
 9 READ AS FOLLOWS:

10 (1) To evaluate projects submitted for grants under the LARP, the cabinet shall  
 11 develop a scoring system for the project which assigns a score using a one (1) to  
 12 ten (10) scale, with higher numbers assigned to projects exhibiting the greatest  
 13 need.

14 (2) Each highway district shall use the scoring system developed under this section to  
 15 evaluate all projects within the highway district, and shall submit a score to the  
 16 cabinet.

17 (3) The scoring system developed under this section shall include an evaluation of  
 18 the following factors:

19 (a) Preservation of assets, which shall include an evaluation of the current  
 20 physical condition of the road, including wear and tear, cracking, missing  
 21 pavement and potholes, roadway and shoulder degradation, and rutting;

22 (b) Safety;

23 (c) Cost;

24 (d) Traffic volume; and

25 (e) Priority ranking within the highway district.

26 ➔SECTION 4. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 176 IS CREATED TO  
 27 READ AS FOLLOWS:

1 (1) The cabinet shall, on a quarterly basis, transmit electronically to the General  
 2 Assembly through the Legislative Research Commission a report on all activity  
 3 relating to projects funded through the LARP in a particular year.

4 (2) The data for each project listed in the report required by subsection (1) of this  
 5 section shall contain all activity on projects funded through the LARP for that  
 6 year, and shall also include but not be limited to the following:

7 (a) The name of the city or county responsible for maintaining the road or  
 8 street;

9 (b) A unique project identification number;

10 (c) The route and highway district where the project is located;

11 (d) The length of the project to the nearest one-tenth (1/10) of a mile;

12 (e) A description of the project and the scope of rehabilitation;

13 (f) The original estimated cost to complete the project;

14 (g) The status of funding for the project;

15 (h) If the project has been let, the:

16 1. Name of the contractor;

17 2. Contractor's vendor number in the statewide accounting system;

18 3. Current contract amount; and

19 4. Current amount earned by the contractor; and

20 (i) The:

21 1. Estimated date for completion of the project;

22 2. Current percentage of work completed based upon time;

23 3. Actual contract completion date, if applicable; and

24 4. The final actual cost to complete the project, if applicable.

25 ➔Section 5. 2024 Ky. Acts ch. 180, Part I, A, 4., (3) Biennial Highway  
 26 Construction Program, at page 1970, is amended to read as follows:

27 **(3) Biennial Highway Construction Program:** Included in the State Supported

1 Construction Program is \$535,665,100 in fiscal year 2024-2025 and  
 2 ~~\$434,260,500~~[\$435,407,500] in fiscal year 2025-2026 from the Road Fund for state  
 3 construction projects and the state match for federal projects in the 2024-2026 Biennial  
 4 Highway Construction Program.

5 ➔Section 6. 2024 Kentucky Acts Ch. 180, Part I, A., 4., (15) Grant Anticipation  
 6 Revenue Vehicle (GARVEE) Bonds, at page 1972, is amended to read as follows:

7 **(15) Grant Anticipation Revenue Vehicle (GARVEE) Bonds:** Included in the  
 8 above Restricted Funds appropriation is \$150,000,000 in fiscal year 2025-2026 for  
 9 GARVEE Bond Funds to be issued for the I-69 Ohio River Crossing Project subject to  
 10 the provision that funds shall be released contingent on the incorporation of bridge  
 11 tolling in future financial plans for repayment of GARVEE Bond debt service and to  
 12 cover the remaining costs of the project. Reconsideration of this tolling provision may  
 13 only occur if a federal grant is received to cover the cost of this project~~and the~~  
 14 ~~completion of the Mountain Parkway Widening Project~~.

15 ➔Section 7. 2024 Kentucky Acts ch. 180, Part I, A., 4., (16) New Grant  
 16 Anticipation Revenue Vehicle (GARVEE) Debt Service, at page 1972, is amended to  
 17 read as follows:

18 **(16) New Grant Anticipation Revenue Vehicle (GARVEE) Debt Service:**  
 19 Included in the above appropriations is \$7,584,400 in Federal Funds and \$1,896,100 in  
 20 Road Fund in fiscal year 2025-2026 to support GARVEE Bonds debt service payments  
 21 relating to the I-69 Ohio River Crossing Project subject to the provision that funds shall  
 22 be released contingent on the incorporation of bridge tolling in future financial plans  
 23 for repayment of GARVEE Bond debt service and to cover the remaining costs of the  
 24 project. Reconsideration of this tolling provision may only occur if a federal grant is  
 25 received to cover the cost of this project~~and the completion of the Mountain Parkway~~  
 26 ~~Widening Project~~.

27 ➔Section 8. 2024 Ky. Acts ch. 180, Part I, A., 4., (17) County Priority Projects

1 Program, at page 1972, is amended to read as follows:

2 **(17) County Priority Projects Program:** Included in the State Supported  
 3 Construction Program is \$20,000,000 in ~~each~~ fiscal year 2024-2025 and \$21,147,000 in  
 4 fiscal year 2025-2026 from the Road Fund to establish the County Priority Projects  
 5 Program to assist with county and city roads. This funding will be contingent on the  
 6 Transportation Cabinet's submission of projects and approval by the General Assembly.  
 7 The submission of projects shall include a detailed listing of qualified projects that were  
 8 ranked either an 8, 9, or 10 to be completed using funds from the Highway Construction  
 9 Contingency Account by November 1 of each fiscal year. Projects received after  
 10 December 1 of each fiscal year may not be included in the following year's County  
 11 Priority Projects Program.

12 The County Priority Projects for fiscal year 2024-2025 are the projects approved  
 13 and itemized in 2024 Regular Session HJR 92. Notwithstanding KRS 48.710, any  
 14 unexpended funds in fiscal year 2024-2025 shall not lapse and shall carry forward to  
 15 fiscal year 2025-2026.

16 The Transportation Cabinet shall provide an additional report to the Legislative  
 17 Research Commission and the Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations and Revenue  
 18 detailing any project submitted to be completed using funds from the Highway  
 19 Construction Contingency Account within 30 days after it has been ranked and shall  
 20 detail the work requested, the county that requested the project, and the date the request  
 21 was received.

22 When a County Priority Project is completed, the Transportation Cabinet shall  
 23 notify the Legislative Research Commission and the Interim Joint Committee on  
 24 Appropriations and Revenue in writing.

25 ➔Section 9. 2024 Kentucky Acts ch. 180, Part I, A., 4., (27) Funding for Mega  
 26 Projects, at page 1973, is amended to read as follows:

27 **(27) Funding for Mega Projects:** It is the intent of the General Assembly that no

1 funds for any projects involving the Mountain Parkway~~[, the I-69 Ohio River Crossing,]~~  
2 or the Hal Rogers Parkway shall be expended unless those projects first acquire a federal  
3 grant.

4       ➔Section 10. Because portions of this Act amend the current Transportation  
5 Cabinet budget, an emergency is declared to exist, and Sections 5 to 9 of this Act take  
6 effect upon its passage and approval by the Governor or upon its otherwise becoming a  
7 law.