

INTERIM JOINT COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND REVENUE

Budget Review Subcommittee on Transportation

Minutes of the 1st Meeting of the 2018 Interim

July 26, 2018

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 Thursday, July 26, 2018, 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: Representative Sal Santoro, Co-Chair; Senators Ernie Harris, Jimmy Higdon, and Dennis Parrett; Representatives Chris Fugate, Chris Harris, Kenny Imes, Robby Mills, and Ken Upchurch.

Guests: Deputy Secretary Paul Looney, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC); Ron Rigney, Director, Division of Program Management, KYTC; Royce Meredith, Manager, Bridging Kentucky Program, KYTC; and, Robin Brewer, Executive Director, Office of Budget and Fiscal Management, KYTC.

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

Highway Plan Update

Deputy Secretary Looney and Mr. Rigney provided a brief update of the Highway Plan.

In response to a question from Senator Harris, Mr. Rigney said applications for grants had been submitted by the local communities, and were not prioritized by the KYTC.

In response to a question from Senator Parrett, Mr. Looney said there are 968 safety and mobility projects totaling \$8.6 billion. These projects do not include the Brent Spence Bridge or the I-69 Bridge in Henderson.

Bridge Program Update

Mr. Looney and Mr. Meredith provided a progress report of the Bridging Kentucky program.

In response to a question from Senator Harris, Mr. Looney said increased spending authority had been requested for design/build funding for bridges in the last budget cycle.

In response to questions from Senator Parrett, Mr. Looney said the University of Kentucky has been working on fiber composites for use on rehabilitating bridges. Mr. Meredith added that rehabilitation should add 30 years to the life of a bridge, and a new bridge should last 75 years. A structural carbon fiber is epoxied onto concrete beams as part of the rehab process.

In response to a question from Chair Santoro, Mr. Meredith said a consultant team was brought on in April with a 120-day plan to screen every bridge by mid-August. Chair Santoro requested another progress report next year, and commented that the KYTC has a need for more funding.

FY18 Financial Overview

Ms. Brewer provided an overview of the fiscal year 2018 agency closeout.

There being no further business before the subcommittee, a motion to adjourn was made by Representative Harris, seconded by Representative Mills, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:37 AM.