

INTERIM JOINT COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND REVENUE

Budget Review Subcommittee on Transportation

Minutes of the 1st Meeting of the 2019 Interim

June 4, 2019

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 Tuesday, June 4, 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, Steven Rudy, John Sims Jr, and Ken Upchurch.

Guests: Paul Looney, Deputy Secretary, Transportation Cabinet; Andy Barber, State Highway Engineer, Transportation Cabinet; and, Royce Meredith, Bridging KY Project Manager, Transportation Cabinet.

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

Chair Santoro welcomed Representatives Huff, Sims, Pratt, and Rowland. Representative Rudy commented that this was the fiftieth birthday of Representative Upchurch and that all members wished him well.

Design/Build INFRA Projects

Deputy Secretary Looney provided an overview of ongoing design/build INFRA grant projects.

In response to a question from Senator Webb regarding the project in Greenup and Carter counties, Mr. Looney said two lanes would be added along with some interchange work.

Representative Harris commented that Pike County improvements are safety related due to multiple deaths occurring annually between US 119 and the Phelps community. He emphasized the importance of the improvements and expressed appreciation that this project is progressing.

In response to a question from Chair Santoro, Mr. Looney said the SHIFT scores should be available in July or early August.

Bridging Kentucky

Mr. Barber and Mr. Meredith provided an overview of the Bridging Kentucky program. 2019 has been the busiest year ever for bridge construction in Kentucky.

In response to questions from Representative Harris, Mr. Meredith said the One Hundred Bridge Project in eastern Kentucky would utilize one design/build team consisting of contractors and subcontractors, rather than only one single contractor. Both bridge rehab bridge replacements are needed in that area; however, for technical reasons, the design/build program will only be used for the replacement projects.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:37 AM.