

INTERIM JOINT COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS & REVENUE

Budget Review Subcommittee on Transportation

Minutes of the 3rd Meeting of the 2021 Interim

August 4, 2021

Call to Order and Roll Call

The third meeting of the Budget Review Subcommittee on Transportation of the Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations and Revenue was held on Wednesday, August 4, 2021, 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 Johnnie Turner and Robin L. Webb; Representatives Chris Fugate, Samara Heavrin, Thomas Huff, Shawn McPherson, Phillip Pratt, Rachel Roberts, Cherlynn Stevenson, and Ken Upchurch.

Guests: John Moore, Assistant State Highway Engineer, Department of Highways, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC); and, Robin Brewer, Office of Budget and Fiscal Management, KYTC.

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

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Representative Pratt to approve the minutes of the July 7, 2021 meeting. The motion was seconded by Senator Turner, and the minutes were approved without objection.

Report on SHIFT Schedule

Mr. Moore provided an update and report on the Strategic Highway Investment Formula for Tomorrow (SHIFT) schedule.

In response to a question from Senator Webb regarding Local Planning Organizations (LPOs), Mr. Moore said he would convey to the LPOs he works with that communication with legislators should be considered when scheduling meetings. Chair Santoro commented that interested legislators should make calls and get more involved in the process.

In response to a question from Representative Roberts regarding how SHIFT scoring may possibly disadvantage new safety-related projects, Mr. Moore said a new project has no crash history, therefore the impact must be derived from looking at the old route that traffic is diverted from to the new route. Crash history and other data from the old route are used to help inform the SHIFT score of the new route. Chair Santoro commented that safety should be number one.

Senator Turner commented that several legislators in the southeast region of the state are supportive of the Mountain Parkway being extended through the mountain to Floyd County.

FY21 Road Fund Revenue

Director Brewer provided information on fiscal year 2021 Road Fund Revenue.

In response to a question from Representative Heavrin regarding the usage tax, Ms. Brewer said the motor fuels tax has been flat for several years, and it is increasingly more difficult to meet demands. Representative Heavrin commented that a serious conversation needs to take place.

Representative McPherson commented that the increase in the use of electric vehicles creates a need for a fee or tax on charging stations.

Chair Santoro commented that any federal infrastructure funds may require a twenty percent match.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the subcommittee, the meeting was adjourned at 11:35 AM.