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**VETO MESSAGE FROM THE**  
**GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY**  
**REGARDING HOUSE BILL 193 OF THE**  
**2021 REGULAR SESSION**

**Biennial Highway Construction Program**

*I, Andy Beshear, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, pursuant to the authority granted under Section 88 of the Kentucky State Constitution, do hereby veto the following parts:*

Page 4, line 15, after "Program." delete the rest of the line.  
Page 4, lines 16 through 19, in their entirety.

*I am vetoing this part because this first-time provision identifies certain amounts dedicated to two of the 16 categories of projects in the Biennial Highway Construction Program. This reduces the flexibility of the Secretary of the Transportation Cabinet to implement the legislatively-adopted Biennial Highway Construction Program.*

**Highway Construction Contingency Account**

*I, Andy Beshear, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, pursuant to the authority granted under Section 88 of the Kentucky State Constitution, do hereby veto the following parts:*

Page 4, line 23, after "Account." delete the rest of the line.  
Page 4, lines 24 through 26, in their entirety.  
Page 4, line 27, delete "total federal obligations".

*I am vetoing this part because in addition to cutting the biennial amount of the contingency account by thirty percent (30%), its first reduction in 12 years, this part suspends the longstanding statute governing the use of the account by eliminating five of the eight statutorily permitted uses, including for economic or industrial development purposes and matching higher than expected federal funds.*

## General Fund Surplus Expenditure Plan

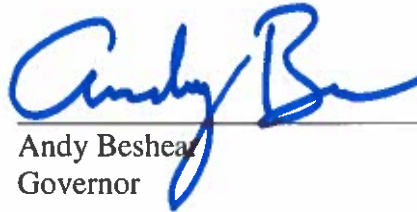
*I, Andy Beshear, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, pursuant to the authority granted under Section 88 of the Kentucky State Constitution, do hereby veto the following parts:*

Page 15, line 27, after "The" delete "entire remaining amount to the".

Page 16, line 1, after "(c)" delete "No surplus moneys in any fiscal year shall be reserved for".

*I am vetoing this part because every year there are authorized expenditures without a sum-specific appropriation known as Necessary Government Expenses that must be paid. With this veto, those expenditures are paid from the General Fund Surplus account rather than the Budget Reserve Trust Fund. It is good fiscal policy to maintain the discipline of withdrawing funds from the Budget Reserve Trust Fund, the Commonwealth's "rainy day fund", only in the instance of a revenue shortfall or a significant emergency beyond the means of the General Fund Surplus account.*

This the 7<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021.



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Andy Beshear  
Governor