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**VETO MESSAGE FROM THE**  
**GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY**  
**REGARDING HOUSE BILL 249 OF THE**  
**2021 REGULAR SESSION**

*I, Andy Beshear, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, pursuant to the authority granted under section 88 of the Kentucky Constitution, do hereby veto the following part of House Bill 249:*

Page 128, lines 12 through 20, in their entirety.

*I am vetoing this part because it creates a new and separate account within the Road Fund that can only be spent on projects specified by the General Assembly. The Road Fund already has an account from which specified projects are authorized by the General Assembly. These projects are authorized through the Biennial Highway Construction Plan, which is enacted by the General Assembly; therefore, this new account is unnecessary. The provision establishing this new account does not specify that it will be used to fund authorized projects identified within the Biennial Highway Construction Plan leaving the possibility that it will fund projects that have not been a part of the Transportation Cabinet's rigorous planning process. Road Fund resources are too valuable to deploy separately from the Commonwealth's rational, thorough, and accepted planning process.*

This the 26<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2021.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andy Beshear".

Andy Beshear  
Governor