

1           A RESOLUTION urging the General Assembly to adopt legislation to adequately  
2 fund the Commonwealth's transportation system.

3           WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Kentucky has the responsibility to provide safe,  
4 efficient transportation systems to the citizens and businesses that call Kentucky home;  
5 and

6           WHEREAS, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet has the responsibility to maintain  
7 and repair 27,620 miles of roadway, along with 14,300 bridges; and

8           WHEREAS, the Transportation Cabinet needs hundreds of millions of dollars  
9 annually in new transportation funding to adequately improve and maintain Kentucky's  
10 state transportation system; and

11           WHEREAS, county and city governments, which have the responsibility to  
12 maintain their county and city transportation systems, also need additional funding to  
13 improve and maintain their systems and have forged an agreement on a more equitable  
14 distribution of motor fuel tax revenue; and

15           WHEREAS, other modes of transportation, such as aviation, public transit,  
16 railroads, and riverports, have identified state funding needs that must be funded through  
17 the General Fund; and

18           WHEREAS, since 2015, due to falling gas prices and reduced fuel tax revenues,  
19 state transportation funding dropped nearly \$200 million per year; and

20           WHEREAS, the expiration of the Transportation Cabinet's ability to use federal toll  
21 credits to match federal funding now requires the annual obligation of approximately  
22 \$110 million in Road Fund dollars to access federal funding and further strains our ability  
23 to effectively develop and maintain an effective and efficient transportation system; and

24           WHEREAS, legislative action is necessary to increase available funding for the  
25 Transportation Cabinet, county and city governments, and the other transportation modes;

26           NOW, THEREFORE,

27           *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the*

1 ***Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

2       ➔Section 1. The General Assembly is urged to adopt legislation to adequately  
3 fund the Commonwealth's transportation system, including provisions that would:

4       (1) Maximize investments in the state, county, and city road systems, as well as  
5 other transportation modes;

6       (2) Codify the agreement between the counties and cities regarding equitable  
7 revenue sharing of increased revenues; and

8       (3) Address collection of user fees on electric and hybrid vehicles.