

1 A RESOLUTION urging the Transportation Cabinet to consider the design and use
2 of protected bicycle lanes in future bicycle infrastructure projects.

3 WHEREAS, in 2019, there were 347 bicycle collisions in the Commonwealth
4 which resulted in 219 injuries and five fatalities; and

5 WHEREAS, in recent years the Commonwealth as well as local governments have
6 made positive changes for state bicyclists, from the implementation of bicycle lanes to the
7 3-foot passage law to ensure that, when passing bicycles, motor vehicles allow adequate
8 space to avoid sideswiping bicyclists or causing them to overcorrect to avoid a vehicle;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, protective bicycle lanes are designed to separate the street's painted
11 bicycle lane from vehicle traffic. These separations can be pylons, delineators, or more
12 permanent barriers like planters or concrete curbing; and

13 WHEREAS, bicycle advocates argue that protective bicycle lanes would decrease
14 injuries to bicyclists and make casual riders feel more comfortable biking on busy streets;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, protective bicycle lanes have been implemented in various cities
17 across the country. The New York City Department of Transportation installed protective
18 lanes on several of their streets as a part of a study. Results demonstrated that streets with
19 protected bicycle lanes had a 40% reduction in crash-related injuries over a four year
20 period; and

21 WHEREAS, Atlanta tested protected bicycle lanes in its Midtown, and survey
22 results showed that pedestrians, bicyclists, and scooter riders felt safer. Bicycle and
23 scooter rides increased 58% while the protected lanes were in place and fewer people
24 chose to ride on the sidewalk;

25 NOW, THEREFORE,

26 ***Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of***
27 ***Kentucky:***

1 ➔Section 1. The Kentucky Senate urges the Transportation Cabinet to consider
2 the use of protected bicycle lanes in future bicycle infrastructure projects.

3 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the Senate shall send a copy of this Resolution and
4 notification of its adoption to the Transportation Cabinet, c/o Secretary Jim Gray, Office
5 of the Secretary, 200 Mero Street, Frankfort, KY 40622.