

1 A RESOLUTION requesting the Transportation Cabinet to study the benefits of
2 increased use of recycled asphalt.

3 WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Kentucky has over 27,000 miles of state-
4 maintained highways; and

5 WHEREAS, revenues collected in the Road Fund have not been sufficient to keep
6 up with maintenance needs, particularly in the area of pavement rehabilitation; and

7 WHEREAS, increasing the use of recycled asphalt has the potential to stretch the
8 Road Fund budget to allow more miles of road to be paved, while yielding other benefits;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, recycled asphalt is environmentally friendly, because if asphalt is not
11 recycled, this non-decaying material ends up being disposed of in landfills; and

12 WHEREAS, recycled asphalt is less expensive than other paving choices, because
13 recycled asphalt does not require as much labor to make; and

14 WHEREAS, recycled asphalt is aesthetically pleasing, with many people
15 considering the look of recycled asphalt, which looks similar to a gravel surface, to be
16 more attractive than other pavement materials, such as concrete or new asphalt; and

17 WHEREAS, Kentucky's use of reclaimed asphalt pavement ranks low in
18 comparison with neighboring states; and

19 WHEREAS, over the 2023 Interim of the General Assembly, the Interim Joint
20 Committee on Transportation will hear testimony on the benefits of reclaimed asphalt
21 pavement from the staff of the National Center for Asphalt Pavement and other experts in
22 the specification, testing, and use of this material; and

23 WHEREAS, it is important the Transportation Cabinet be an active participant in
24 those discussions;

25 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

1 ➔Section 1. The Transportation Cabinet is requested to:

2 (1) Study the benefits of increased use of recycled asphalt;

3 (2) Develop a plan to increase the use of reclaimed asphalt pavement on all future
4 road projects, where appropriate; and

5 (3) Appear before the Interim Joint Committee on Transportation during the 2023
6 Interim of the General Assembly to discuss the potential for the increased use of recycled
7 asphalt.

8 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the Senate shall transmit to copy of this Resolution to
9 Secretary Jim Gray, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, 200 Mero Street, Frankfort,
10 Kentucky 40622.