



House Bill 517

HB 517 will invest 450 million for state infrastructure projects, which would result in an economic impact of between \$884 million to \$1.3 billion. It also will provide important investment to local governments for their most pressing transportation needs.

In addition, HB 517 will support economic development in the Commonwealth and the hundreds of thousands of jobs in industries that depend on efficient infrastructure. It also will increase safety.

We Support a Stronger Kentucky

Every Kentucky county has unmet transportation needs that would attract jobs and companies, improve safety and preserve our special quality of life.

That’s why the Kentucky Infrastructure Coalition supports HB 517, a long-term, sustainable funding approach that provides adequate revenues for all modes of transportation – so we can maintain what we have and build what we need to compete.

HB517 includes

- Addition of 10 cents per gallon to the state taxes on gasoline and other fuels
- Expansion of fees on electric vehicles—a new user fee of \$175 that owners would pay when they register their vehicle and renew their license plates each year
- Increase to annual cost of passenger car registration renewals from \$11.50 to \$22.00 and to \$15 from \$9, for motorcycles

Now, more than ever, we urge you to contact your legislator and let them know it’s time for them to fix this problem. Call the legislative message line at (800) 372-7181 and ask your legislator to support House Bill 517.

To find your legislator, visit www.lrc.ky.gov

More than 300,000 Kentuckians are employed by companies in the manufacturing and logistics industries alone.

More than \$500 billion worth of freight flows through Kentucky’s transportation network each year.

What We Need



Roads

Sustainable increased funding for state and local roads and bridges



Rail

More funding to increase safety at rail crossings on public roads.



River

Strategic investments in our riverports, the gateways to \$29 billion in cargo shipping on our rivers.



Air

Continued investments to maintain and improve our 59 commercial and regional airports.






Transit

Smart investments in transit, the only choice for many workers to stay in the workforce and to connect Kentuckians to health care and higher education.

Supporting HB 517 Makes Sense

- KIC supports increasing existing sources of transportation funding to generate needed revenue for maintenance and construction on Kentucky's roads and bridges.
- KIC supports the creation of a multi-modal transportation fund that provides general fund revenues to maintain and improve our transit, rail, riverports and airports.
- KIC supports modernizing the method for distributing transportation revenues to local governments, maintaining funding levels for counties while redirecting a higher proportion of new revenues to cities and higher-traffic streets. KIC, KLC, KACO and others support the current proportional split between cities and counties until total revenues exceed \$825 million; beyond this mark, cities and counties will equally split the local government funding.
- KIC supports focused study on new methods of generating transportation revenues to deal with decreasing fuel consumption, increasing interstate freight and changes in technology.

 <p>Since 2015, Kentucky has lost more than \$600 million in gas tax revenues because of decreases in average wholesale gas prices.</p>	<p>In 2020, Kentucky will lose more than \$110 million annually in transportation buying power because of the depletion of federal credits.</p> 
 <p>Kentucky needs to invest an additional \$500 million each year to meet critical needs in roads, bridges and other transportation projects, according to the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet and an independent economic analysis by Commonwealth Economics.</p>	

Coalition Members

