



# Invest in Kentucky Jobs. Invest in Transportation.

Kentucky is at a crossroads in funding transportation infrastructure for the 21st century. While neighboring states have increased their investments, Kentucky has lost ground.

## 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 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.

## 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



KIC is made up of manufacturers, farmers, business owners, local leaders and more than **40,000 transportation workers**.



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


More than **\$570 billion** worth of freight flows through Kentucky’s transportation network each year.



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## Supporting Solutions that Make 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.



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In 2020, Kentucky has lost more than \$110 million annually in state transportation buying power because of the depletion of federal credits.





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## Coalition Members



## Business leaders can KICK Start Kentucky

Kentucky is at a crossroads in funding transportation infrastructure for the 21st century. While every neighboring state, except Missouri, has increased their investments, Kentucky has lost ground.

Business leaders feel the impact directly—deteriorating roads, aging bridges, unsafe highways, traffic snarls.

**It's time to act. It's time to KICK Start Kentucky's transportation budget.**

KIC is the Kentucky Infrastructure Coalition—a statewide group of business owners, local leaders, manufacturers, farmers, engineers, educators and more. We support 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.

### Why we must act now

**Investing less than before**—Kentucky has lost over \$920 million in gas tax revenues since 2015 because of decreases in average wholesale gas prices.

**More cuts on the way**—Kentucky has lost more than \$110 million annually in state transportation buying power because of the depletion of federal toll credits.

**A backlog of needs**—Kentucky's state, county and city governments have determined they need over \$900 million more each year to meet critical needs in roads, bridges and other transportation projects. Additionally, \$619 million in one-time is needed for identified mega projects and \$35 million per year is needed to address the needs of the modes of transportation.

**Good jobs depend on good transportation**—More than \$500 billion in freight flows through Kentucky annually. And more than 300,000 Kentuckians are employed in the manufacturing and logistics industries alone.

**Fatality rate is higher than national average**—Kentucky has the fourth highest motor vehicle fatality rate in the nation and the fatality rate on our rural roads is nearly two and a half times higher than on all other roads.

### Why business leaders support more investment

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**Bad roads cost everyone**—Driving on bad roads costs motorists an average of \$434 annually.

**Pro-business groups are united**—The Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, Kentucky Farm Bureau, Kentucky Association for Economic Development, Kentucky Association for Manufacturers and many more agree that investing more in transportation is necessary to maintain and grow our economy.

### What you can do to help

**Get the facts**—Go to [kickstartky.com](http://kickstartky.com) to get the facts, including a list of transportation projects in your community that are waiting for state funding.

**Spread the word**—Share the information with other business leaders, elected officials, neighbors and media outlets.

**Talk with your state lawmakers**—Ask them to support additional funding for all modes of transportation—roads, rail, airports, riverports and public transit.

**Stay informed**—Sign up for regular updates from KIC by registering at [kickstartky.com](http://kickstartky.com).

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