

The Importance – Kentucky's Economy and Jobs

Transportation infrastructure brings Kentucky to the world and the world to Kentucky by connecting companies to the global marketplace and bringing visitors to our communities. More than \$500 billion in freight flows through Kentucky annually, and transportation brings in tourists and visitors, who contribute almost \$14.5 billion to our economy.

Companies such as auto manufacturers, UPS, Amazon and Braidy Industries want to operate in centrally located, accessible states.

That's why highway accessibility is the most important factor in site selection, according to *Area Development Magazine's* 2016 survey of corporate executives.

Your family's economy:

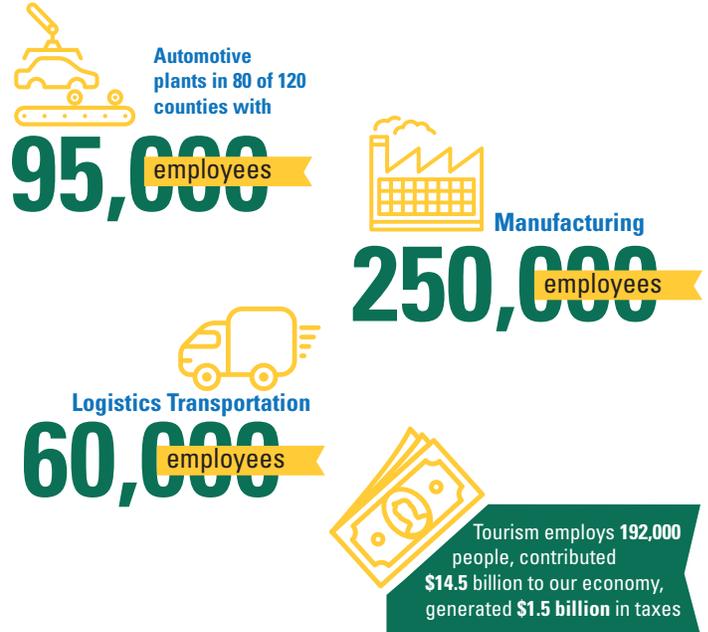
Driving on Kentucky's diminishing transportation system costs motorists a total of \$4 billion every year in additional vehicle operating costs, congestion-related delays and traffic crashes, according to transportation research organization TRIP. That total is 1.5 times greater than what Kentucky spends in the road fund each year.

Safety

Kentucky's roads and highways have a fatality rate – per miles driven – that is fourth highest in the country.

More than 3,500 people were killed in Kentucky traffic crashes from 2011 to 2015.

In addition, one in 12 of Kentucky's locally or state-maintained bridges are rated structurally deficient due to significant deterioration and 70 are currently closed.



The Issue

- A national decline in the average wholesale gas prices resulted in a \$200 million recurring annual loss for Kentucky.
- Kentucky will also soon lose \$110 million in credits that served as matching funds for federal dollars.
- In addition, more than \$150 million is diverted from the road fund for other agencies each year.
- The Cabinet, through its new prioritization formula, SHIFT, identifies 70 projects of statewide significance that need \$7.8 billion in funding. This is in addition to the list of 1,100 other regional projects identified as needed. Both the significant statewide and regional projects would have to compete for the current \$2.6 billion in funds – leaving thousands of unmet needs across the state unless something long-term and sustainable occurs.

KICKStartKY Transportation is Essential to Kentucky's Future

Roads

- The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet estimates that an additional \$205 million per year is needed to maintain our current road and bridge system.
- The new construction needs require significant investments in the hundreds of millions of dollars.

Rail

- Each year, 2 million carloads of freight move on Kentucky's railways, which include 2,100 railroad crossings in Kentucky.
- We need to maintain the current funding level of \$1.6 million each year for railway safety.

River

- Kentucky has the fourth largest navigable marine highway in the United States. \$29.2 billion of cargo was shipped over that highway last year, ranking seventh in the nation.
- Our waterways and ports create more than 15,000 jobs and contribute \$2.5 billion to the economy annually.
- To remain competitive, the public ports need to make significant improvements in their facilities. These investments total nearly \$3.5 million each year over the next 20 years.

Air

- In addition to carrying 10.2 million passengers each year, our airports move 5.5 million tons of freight – third in the nation.
- There are \$50 million in needs to maintain the 53 General Aviation Airports in Kentucky and nearly \$8 million is needed to replace or remodel terminal buildings.

Transit

- Transit provides 31 million trips annually over the entire public transit system. Most of these trips are taken to places of employment or educational institutions, or they provide access to basic needs like health care.
- \$10 million per year is needed to maintain statewide transit service.

The Coalition

The Kentucky Infrastructure Coalition is made up of manufacturers, farmers, engineers, local leaders and more than 40,000 transportation workers who understand that safe, reliable, efficient transportation is essential to Kentucky's economy. **For a complete list of Coalition members, visit kickstartky.com.**

- Kentuckians for Better Transportation
- Kentucky Automotive Industry Association
- Kentucky Association of Manufacturers
- American Council of Engineering Companies of Kentucky
- Kentucky Magistrates and Commissioners Association
- Kentucky County Judge Executives Association
- KACo
- Kentucky Association of Highway Contractors
- Kentucky Association for Economic Development
- Kentucky Farm Bureau
- Kentucky Aviation Association
- TACK
- Kentucky Chamber
- AAA
- Kentucky Crushed Stone Association
- Plantmix Asphalt Industry KY
- Kentucky Concrete Association
- Kentucky Association of Riverports
- TARC
- Kentucky Equipment Dealers Association
- Kentucky Public Transit Association
- Kentucky Forest Industries Association
- TANK
- Kentucky Association of Railroads
- Homebuilders Association of Kentucky
- Lextran
- RTEC
- Stupp Bridge
- Kentucky River Foothills Development Council, Inc.

The Solution

We must invest more in infrastructure to attract and expand a 21st century economy and jobs. Funding solutions must be dynamic and meet the evolving needs of a changing economy.

The coalition supports long-term, sustainable funding that provides adequate revenues for all modes of transportation so our state can maintain the infrastructure we have today and build what we need for our future.

The time to act is now. Delays will drive up the costs and put us farther behind our competitor states, many of which have already increased their investments in infrastructure.