

# Legislative Update

State Representative Patrick Flannery



## Committee discusses key transportation programs

Lawmakers returned to Frankfort for the start of the 2025 Interim, which began June 3. The interim, which occurs between legislative sessions, gives lawmakers time to prepare for the upcoming session and keep track of enacted legislation through committee meetings.

In the first week of the 2025 Interim, the Budget Review Subcommittee on Transportation met to discuss several key transportation programs including the Local Assistance Road Program, which replaces the County Priority Projects Program, the County-City Bridge Improvement Program, and the Transportation Alternatives Program.

**Local Assistance Road Program (replaces the County Priority Projects Program):** The County Priority Projects Program (CPPP) was a state initiative established by the General Assembly during the 2024 Regular Session to provide counties with a more structured and transparent process for securing state funding for local road projects. The program receives \$20 million in state funding annually, and can carry over unused funds to the next year.

During the 2025 Regular Session, the General Assembly passed House Joint Resolution (HJR) 46, which authorized the release of \$23.9 million in funds appropriated in 2024 for local road projects. KYTC evaluated local road projects statewide, ranking them on a scale of one to 10, with 10 indicating the greatest need. Under HJR 46, funding was allocated exclusively to projects with a ranking of 10.

Additionally, through the passage of House Bill 546, the General Assembly created the Local Assistance

Road Program (LARP), which replaces the CPPP. Under the LARP, counties and cities may only submit rehabilitation projects that bring a road or street back to its original condition, not projects that widen roads or change the original design of the road. The maximum funding a county or city can receive per project through this program is \$500,000.

Applications for the LARP open on June 1 of each year and will need to be submitted by October 1 to be considered during the regular session. The cabinet will review and evaluate applications, using its scoring system, within 30 days of submission. Beginning on July 1 of each year, the cabinet will be required to submit to the General Assembly a list of all project requests evaluated in the previous month with specific information about each project, including the length, description, and score assigned.

In the end, the General Assembly makes the final determination about which projects will be funded under the LARP. Projects funded through the LARP must provide a local match of 10 to 20%, with the match percentage based on the same population rankings established for the Kentucky Product Development Initiative.

**County-City Bridge Improvement Program:** The County-City Bridge Improvement Program (CCBIP), another state initiative established by the General Assembly during the 2024 Regular Session, helps fund the repair and replacement of county or city-owned bridges. The program receives \$25 million in state funding annually, with the flexibility to carry over any unused funds to the following year. Applications for this program are accepted

throughout the year.

In order to be eligible for funding through the CCBIP, the county judge-executive or mayor from each county/city is required to attend the Local Bridges 101 course, while the road supervisor, public works director, or someone in a similar role from each local government is required to attend both the Local Bridges 101 and 102 courses.

**Transportation Alternatives Program:** The Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) is a federal program that provides funding for surface transportation projects, such as sidewalks and bike lanes. For 2025, Kentucky received \$21,961,871 in funding. Of that total, 59% is suballocated to specific areas based on relative population size, while the remaining 41% can be used anywhere in the state.

Application cycles for TAP funding are held based on funding availability, with an early fall application cycle anticipated this year. Once a cycle closes, applications are reviewed by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) staff and competitively scored, as required by the Federal Highway Administration. Recommendations for funding are then made to the Transportation Secretary based on funding availability and scores.

As we look ahead to the 2026 Regular Session, one of our major transportation-related priorities is enacting the Biennial Highway Construction Plan. Every two years, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet staff, in coordination with the Governor's Office, develops a recommended Biennial Highway Construction Plan, which outlines proposed road, bridge, and safety improvement projects. KYTC determines which projects are included using the Strategic Highway Investment Formula for Tomorrow (SHIFT), a data-driven approach that compares and prioritizes projects based on objective criteria rather than political influences or preferences.

Once completed, the Governor will submit the plan to the General Assembly for approval. We will then review the plan, make any necessary amendments, and pass legislation to allocate funding for approved projects.

We recognize that investing in our transportation infrastructure is essential to helping the economy and keeping people safe, which is why continued investment remains a top priority as we work to build a more prosperous Commonwealth.

As always, I can be reached anytime through the toll-free message line in Frankfort at 1-800-372-7181. You can also contact me via email at Patrick.Flannery@kylegis-lature.gov and keep track through the Kentucky legislature's website at legislature.ky.gov.

## MCTC announces awarded dual credit credentials

### Herald Report

Maysville Community and Technical College is pleased to announce the awarding of dual credit credentials for the fall 2024 and spring 2025 semesters.

In the fall semester, students earned 174 certificates. In spring 2025, 14 degrees and 134 certificates were awarded.

Certificates awarded include ARC cutter, basic carpenter, medical nurse aide, production line welder, residential site layout assistant, Kentucky child care provider, gas welder and welder helper.

Degrees awarded include associate in science and associate in arts.

Alisha Plummer, MCTC's dual credit director, remarked on the work of the students.

"I am incredibly proud of our students who have earned

their associate degrees and technical certificates," Plummer said. "Their accomplishments are a testament to their hard work and vision for a successful future."

Students awarded in the fall 2024 semester are listed below for Lewis County.

Nathaniel Allen Goodwin, John Taylor Graves, Carson Howard, Thomas Richards, Jayden James Burris, Preston Luke Montieth, Hunter Joseph Skidmore, Carter Cash Wallingford, Andrew Tyler Story, Logan Allen Kegley, Landen Ray Cooper, Joshua Brian Cooper, Zachary Gage Hobbs, Phillip Michael Mays, Zachary Wanye Skinner, Thomas Daniel Clark, Brayden Layne Bloomfield, Colton Andrew Madden, Colton Allen Arthurs, Richard Gregory Reynolds, Jayden Allen Zornes, Keaton Edward

Maynard, and Austin Noble.

Students awarded in the spring 2025 semester are listed below for Lewis County.

Braedyn Douglous McGlone, Justin Lee Hurst, Cliff Alex Hobbs, Logan Wayne Gilliam, Hayden Lee Huff, Carter Lee Morgan, Braydon Jace Kilbreth, Morgan Nichole Staggs, Austin David Hardy, James Quinton Applegate, Hunner Lee Burris, Dale Easton Johnson, Hunter Lee King, Noah Nathaniel Clinton, Ayden Austin Alloway, Robert Dwayne Parson, Joseph Tatem Gilbert, Brian Louis Weber, Paytain Ryder Montgomery, Layne Allen Cole Henson, Bryson Dean Helphenstine, Jeremias Owens Elliott, Kensey Rae Staton, Brett Matthew Belvins, Christian William Howard, and Carleigh Michelle Thurman.

## Poetry from our readers

### Things I Like

By Emma Rosetta Liles (Rickman)

Transcribed by Robert Liles

I like walking barefoot in the summer's sun  
I like to garden—hoe and weeding to me is fun  
I like to put the vegetables that I grow into jars  
I like to walk around in my backyard.  
I like to see flowers grow  
I like to smell the grass newly mowed  
I like trees that grow so large and tall  
The hickory is my favorite tree of all.

I like to gather the berries that grow wild  
I like to make jams and jellies that taste so mild  
I like to see little children at play  
I like to hear the small ones as they pray.

I like to see daddies rock with their girls and boys  
I like to see them, and oh! that gives me joy  
I like to see families work on things together  
I like to know love is there—hopefully forever.

I like to eat southern cooking, yes I do  
I like the state of Kentucky where the grass is blue  
I like writing and reading a good book

I like to work in my kitchen, and I like to cook.

I like to work puzzles—both crossword and jigsaw

I like games that broaden the mind as I play them all

I like country music that's well done

I like old-time hymns—not all, just some.

I like to pitter around my home

I like doing my chores and writing my poems

I like to see couples in love

I like all the beauty that God created

I like the birds—especially the dove.

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## Vanceburg Senior Citizens

### By Judy Craycraft

We had a busy month of May. We had one new member, Norma Lewis. We had Don Blair and Sue Haynes with birthdays. Patty Hester usually makes cakes or pies for birthdays but this time she made deep fried apple pies. They were delicious.

Judy Craycraft gave all the mothers a pot of Impatiens for Mother's Day.

In the near future we are going to be setting flowers out in the Senior Citizens' yard. Bob Craycraft is donating the flowers, our director Judy Craycraft will be donating a shovel and rake, the Senior Citizens will be doing the labor (except a few will be supervising). We might be lucky enough to entice some hummingbirds to come and sample the nectar from the blossoms.

On the 22nd some of us went to the Nursing Home for our mission work we do every two months. Our people donate bags of chips, boxes of Little Debbie's, Moon Pies, etc. The residents at the Nursing Home are all given \$15 to bid on the items. This time they all had a bag of goodies to take back to their room.

On May 29th was Margie Valentine's (the Library lady) last day. We will really miss her.

Everyone over 60 is invited, the meal is \$1.50. We have devotions every meeting, sometimes we play Bingo, have speakers from the Extension Office and the Library. It is a good place just to get together and have someone to talk to.

We meet every Tuesday and Thursday at 10:00 a.m. See you there!



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Please show your support to the department by turning out to cast your ballot.

Thank you,  
Garrison Volunteer Fire Department

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