

INFRASTRUCTURE

Advancing economic growth through strategic infrastructure

OPPORTUNITY TO IMPROVE THE BUSINESS CLIMATE

Infrastructure is the foundation of a thriving economy. The Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce (NKY Chamber) advocates for sensible policies and targeted investments across all modes of infrastructure, but especially in roads, housing, airports, waterways transportation, water and sewer systems, and utilities. These efforts are critical to driving sustainable growth, improving workforce access, and ensuring our region and Commonwealth remain competitive and resilient in a changing economy.

APPROACH TO TACKLE THE ISSUE

- Roads and Highways: Continue to invest in safe, modern roadways with sustainable funding solutions, prioritizing projects like completing expansion and improvements to KY-536, enhancing connectivity, and driving ongoing regional development.
- Housing: Ensure housing stability and affordability through energy efficiency programs, enhanced funding and incentives, public land use, increased HOME allocations, and workforce training. (See Income-Aligned Housing Policy.)
- Airports: Recognizing Kentucky's strength in aviation and global logistics, continue to support airports, air cargo, and aviation needs across the Commonwealth.
- Transportation: Invest in all modes of multimodal transportation options, including public transit, pedestrian pathways, and bike lanes.
- Water and Sewer Systems: Modernize water and sewer systems to support growth, environmental sustainability, public health and safety, and consumer affordability, considering federal government mandates.
- Technology and Cybersecurity: Support technology infrastructure investments and cybersecurity initiatives to empower the digital economy and protect critical systems from threats.

WHY DOES IT MATTER TO MY BUSINESS

Strong infrastructure drives economic growth in a variety of ways by:

- Enhancing Workforce Access: Reliable infrastructure enables employees to live and work locally.
- Boosting Business Opportunities: Modern utilities and broadband attract investment and foster innovation.
- Strengthening Regional Appeal: Quality infrastructure creates vibrant communities where businesses and residents thrive.
- Ensuring Resilience: Strategic investments future-proof our region against growth challenges.

WHAT WE ARE ASKING AN ELECTED OFFICIAL TO DO

- Support Funding for KY-536: Prioritize the completion of this critical improvement project to enhance regional connectivity and economic development across Northern Kentucky.
- Expand Income-Aligned Housing Options: Support legislation that addresses zoning, permitting, and infrastructure barriers to creating a greater supply of income-aligned housing.
- Invest in Multimodal Transportation: Advocate for funding and policies that promote aviation, public transit, bike lanes, and pedestrian pathways.
- Modernize Water and Sewer Systems: Support programs and funding, including private lead pipe replacement, to improve infrastructure while keeping consumer costs affordable and making public health and safety a priority.
- Technology and Cybersecurity: Support investments in technology infrastructure to enable businesses and residents to participate fully in the digital economy while strengthening cybersecurity and safeguarding critical infrastructure from threats.
- Secure Long-Term Infrastructure Funding: Develop sustainable funding mechanisms to address current and future needs across all sectors, infrastructure assets and transportation modes.