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**RIVER FIELDS INVITED TO TESTIFY AT FIRST AND ONLY
SCHEDULED HEARING FOR CITIZENS GROUPS ON THE
LOUISVILLE BRIDGES PROJECT**

***River Fields Testimony Will Center on the Facts
Surrounding the Largest Highway Project Budget
Request in the Commonwealth's History***

WHEN: Monday, January 28, 2008
2:00-3:30 p.m.

WHERE: Capital Annex, Room 131, Frankfort

WHAT: **House Budget Review Sub-Committee on Transportation**
This is the first and only scheduled hearing for citizens groups on the Louisville Bridges Project ever in Frankfort. River Fields and KTAP (Kentucky Transportation Action Partnership), a group of 25 community organizations with more than 15,000 members, are the only groups invited to speak.

Until 2006, Frankfort legislators worked under the assumption the project would be fully funded by the federal government. Now it is expected the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet will

ask for \$345 million from the state to fund Kentucky's share of the \$4.1 billion project.

Tolls are being explored as a long-term, potential funding solution, but River Fields goal is to stimulate dialogue on a short-term solution for the Cabinet's expected, enormous financial request.

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