



Measuring Transportation Investments: The Road to Results

Indiana is one of 19 states trailing behind in having the essential tools—goals, performance measures and data—needed to help decision makers choose more cost-effective transportation funding and policy options.

Indiana presents goals, performance measures and useful, timely data in tracking transportation's progress in the areas of safety and mobility, but it lacks this detailed information for other critical goals. In infrastructure preservation, for example, the state reports data on road and bridge conditions, but it does not provide targets for benchmarking its progress. When it comes to jobs and commerce, the state's 10-year Major Moves program prioritizes projects based on the goals of efficiency, safety, economic development and customer input, and performance measures include congestion relief and jobs created. But although the program is described in the state's long-range plan and it maintains a Web site showing progress, it fails to provide examples of how the data affect project prioritization.

\$2.82 BILLION The state spent an estimated \$2.82 billion on transportation in fiscal year 2010.*

HOW IS THE STATE DOING?

Does it have the tools to ensure transportation spending and policy decisions are advancing six key goals?

- Leading the Way
- Mixed Results
- Trailing Behind



*National Association of State Budget Officers State Expenditure Report 2010.

METHODOLOGY: States were given one of three ratings—leading the way, showing mixed results or trailing behind—based on whether they have the goals, performance measures and data needed to help decision makers ensure their surface transportation systems are advancing six key goals. The ratings are based on 10 criteria. Each state was rated for its performance in each of the six goal areas and given an overall rating.

SOURCES: Indiana State Budget Agency, "Budget Supplement with Performance Measures: Volume V Transportation," 2009, V-1, http://www.in.gov/sba/files/PM_2009_5_Transportation.pdf; Indiana Department of Transportation, "Major Moves," <http://www.in.gov/indot/7039.htm>; "2030 Long Range Transportation Plan," 2007, Chapter 120, 135-146, http://www.in.gov/indot/files/10_majormoves.pdf. Sources accessed April 2011.