



# Measuring Transportation Investments: The Road to Results

**California is one of 13 states leading the way** in having the essential tools—goals, performance measures and data—needed to help decision makers choose more cost-effective transportation funding and policy options.

The state is a national leader in measuring its transportation system's progress in advancing key policy goals including safety, infrastructure preservation, access, mobility and environmental stewardship. California's measures tracking the performance of its transportation system toward the goal of mobility are extensive, such as the percentage of major incidents cleared in less than 90 minutes. California also exemplifies how a state can tie transportation policy and planning to environmental goals; it prioritizes transportation funding based on regional growth plans that show how reductions in greenhouse gas emissions will be achieved. But California has room to improve in tracking transportation's success in driving jobs and commerce; for instance, it does not set targets for benchmarking progress in this area.

**\$11.66 BILLION** The state spent an estimated \$11.66 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

- SAFETY
- JOBS & COMMERCE
- MOBILITY
- ACCESS
- ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP
- INFRASTRUCTURE PRESERVATION
- OVERALL

\*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: California Department of Transportation, "Performance Measures for the Quarter and Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2010," [http://www.dot.ca.gov/perf/docs/2010\\_Q2\\_Quarterly\\_Performance\\_Report\\_FINAL\\_linked.pdf](http://www.dot.ca.gov/perf/docs/2010_Q2_Quarterly_Performance_Report_FINAL_linked.pdf); California Office of Traffic Safety, "Highway Safety Plan," Fiscal Year 2010 through September 30, 2010, <http://www.nhtsa.gov/nhtsa/whatsup/safeteaweb/FY10/HSPs/CAFY10HSP.pdf>. Sources accessed February 20, 2011.