



Measuring Transportation Investments: The Road to Results

Washington, DC, along with 18 states, shows mixed results 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 District has goals aimed at using its transportation system to promote jobs and commerce and advance environmental stewardship, but it does not have performance measures or data to monitor its progress toward those goals. One of the District’s bright spots is in the area of mobility, where the city publishes detailed monthly information about the on-time status of its transit vehicles; the data aid officials in analyzing and improving performance problems. The District also tracks access to jobs, a strong measure in the access area, and it publishes performance measures of the conditions of bridge and street infrastructure.

\$682 MILLION The District spent an estimated \$682 million 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?

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

● Leading the Way
● Mixed Results
● Trailing Behind

*Pew Center on the States calculation based on FY2010 District of Columbia Budget and Financial Plan; FY2010-FY2015 District of Columbia Highway Trust Fund; FY2010-FY2015 Capital Improvement Plan.

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: District of Columbia Department of Transportation, “FY09 Performance Accountability Report,” CapStat Web site, http://capstat.oca.dc.gov/Pdf.aspx?pdf=http://capstat.oca.dc.gov/docs/fy09/DDOT_FY09PAR.PDF; “DC Circulator Dashboard” Web site, <http://circulatordashboard.dc.gov/>; “DC’s Transit Future System Plan,” April 2010, <http://www.scribd.com/doc/46679156/DC-s-Transit-Future-System-Plan-Final-Report>. Sources accessed April 5, 2011.