



Measuring Transportation Investments: The Road to Results

Georgia 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.

Georgia is a leader in measuring the performance of its transportation system in driving safety, infrastructure preservation, jobs and commerce, access and mobility. The state tracks essential information such as the availability of public transportation modes, the number of workers who can reach major employment centers within 45 minutes and the percentage of the population living within 20 miles of a four-lane highway. Georgia has used measures like these as it implements a new strategic transportation plan in preparation for a statewide vote in 2012 on increasing taxes to fund transportation needs. The state has room for improvement, however, in environmental stewardship, where it lacks timely information on core measures of how its transportation system affects the environment.

\$2.48 BILLION The state spent an estimated \$2.48 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: Pew Center on the States interview with Todd Long, Georgia Department of Transportation (DOT), November 17, 2010; Governor Sonny Perdue, “The Governor’s Budget Report, Fiscal Year 2011,” http://opb.georgia.gov/vgn/images/portal/cit_1210/12/27/162459032state_of_georgia_budget_fy_2011.pdf; DOT, “Statewide Strategic Transportation Plan 2010–2030,” April 2010, <http://www.it3.ga.gov/Documents/Final-SSTP.pdf>; DOT, “2010 Atlanta Regional Commuter Survey,” http://www.dot.state.ga.us/informationcenter/programs/environment/airquality/Documents/reports/2010_atlanta_regional_commuter_survey.pdf. Sources accessed April 2011.