



Measuring Transportation Investments: The Road to Results

Louisiana 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.

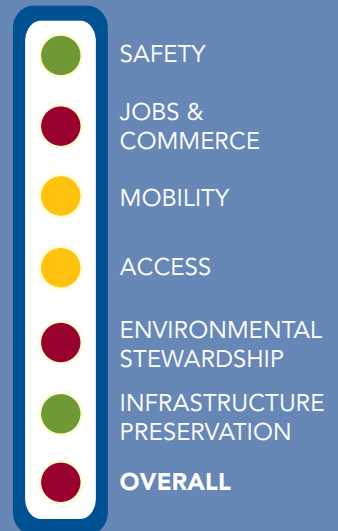
The state lacks important data to determine whether its transportation system is advancing several critical goals, especially jobs and commerce and environmental stewardship. For example, related to the environment, Louisiana has committed to becoming a pedestrian- and bicycle-friendly state, but it does not report progress toward those objectives. Louisiana is faring well in the area of tracking infrastructure preservation; it provides timely data on performance measures for pavement and bridge conditions, compares that information to prior performance over time and sets targets for improvement. The state also pays attention to access, tracking the number of parishes with low-cost transportation options and setting related improvement goals. And it effectively maintains much of its transportation performance information in a single, easy-to-use Web site.

\$2.33 BILLION The state spent an estimated \$2.33 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: Burk-Kleinpeter and Toole Design Group for the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, “Louisiana Statewide Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan,” September 2009, http://www.dotd.la.gov/planning/highway_safety/bike_ped/documents/BikePed_Final09282009.pdf; Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, “Five Year Strategic Plan: July 1, 2011–June 30, 2016,” June 2010, http://www.dotd.la.gov/press/20100614_StrategicPlan.pdf. Sources accessed February 20, 2011.