



Measuring Transportation Investments: The Road to Results

Minnesota 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.

Minnesota is one of just five states leading the way in tracking how its transportation system is advancing all six policy goals identified in the Pew-Rockefeller study. For example, in the area of mobility, Minnesota tracks freeway congestion during busy periods and has set a goal of reducing congestion across the 9 percent of the highway system that carries about half of the state’s road travel. In access, Minnesota monitors how many of its active commercial centers offer scheduled intercity bus service. In all six goal areas, data are current and connected to goals and performance measures. Minnesota’s Statewide Transportation Policy Plan uses performance measures and goals to drive improvement in 10 different areas, such as Twin Cities mobility and community development.

\$3.19 BILLION The state spent an estimated \$3.19 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.

SOURCE: Minnesota Department of Transportation, “Minnesota Statewide Transportation Policy Plan, 2009-2028,” August 2009, 7.6-1–7.7-7, <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/planning/stateplan/download.html> (accessed January 23, 2011).