



# Measuring Transportation Investments: The Road to Results

**Arkansas 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.

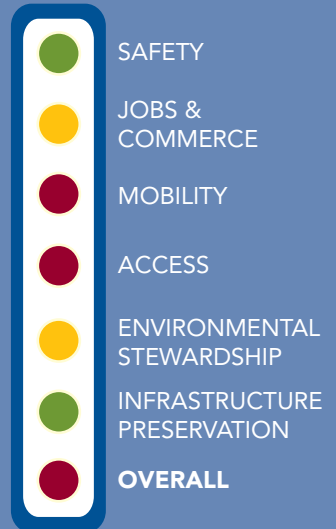
The state compiles detailed information related to safety, and it has used data about bridge and pavement conditions to assess highway needs. But Arkansas falls short in other areas. The state lacks performance measures to track transportation’s progress toward the important goals of access and mobility, and the information it collects to measure the transportation system’s contributions to jobs and commerce and environmental stewardship is of limited use. On environmental stewardship, the state tracks the amount of gasoline consumed annually compared to other states, but little else.

**\$970 MILLION** The state spent an estimated \$970 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?

- 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.

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