



Measuring Transportation Investments: The Road to Results

Vermont is one of 19 states with 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 state is a leader in measuring its transportation system's progress in advancing the key policy goals of safety, infrastructure preservation, access and jobs and commerce. For example, Vermont has strong performance measures for public transit ridership—including measures regarding rural and commuting riders—that allow decision makers to gauge the success of the state's transit options. The state also has several wide-ranging goals for infrastructure preservation, including repairing all post-winter road damage by June and repainting all highway center lines each year. But Vermont has room to improve when it comes to measuring transportation's role in advancing mobility and environmental stewardship; in these areas, the state does not have timely information about transportation-related performance measures.

\$460 MILLION The state spent an estimated \$460 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

- 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: Vermont Agency of Transportation, "Performance Measures," August 5, 2008, <http://www.aot.state.vt.us/planning/Documents/Planning/Performance-Report-Aug13-2008.pdf>, and "Transit Route Performance Reviews," January 22, 2010, http://www.aot.state.vt.us/ops/publictransit/documents/AOT-OPS-PT_2009_Transit_Route_Performance_Review.pdf. Sources accessed April 8, 2011.