



Measuring Transportation Investments: The Road to Results

Hawaii 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.

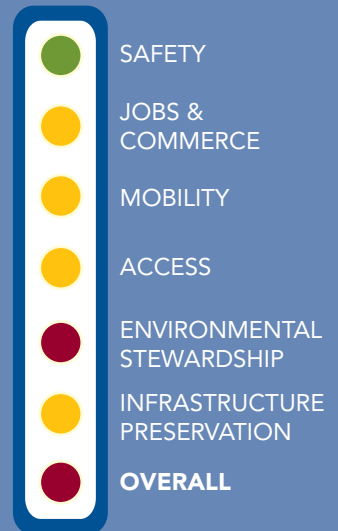
Hawaii is limited in its ability to determine the return on its transportation investments partially because the statewide long-range transportation plan has not been updated since 2002, despite the state’s promise to do so every five years. The state transportation budget does provide timely data and targets for benchmarking performance in safety, infrastructure preservation, access, mobility and jobs and commerce. The budget lacks explanations for changes in performance, however. Hawaii has particular room for improvement in the area of environmental stewardship, where its measurement of the transportation system’s performance is limited to a question in its 2001 customer service survey.

\$1.06 BILLION The state spent an estimated \$1.06 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: Hawaii Department of Transportation, “Setting the Course: Hawaii Statewide Transportation Plan,” September 2002, <http://hawaii.gov/dot/administration/stp/completestp.pdf>; Hawaii Department of Budget and Finance, “Details of the Operating and Capital Budget, Department of Transportation,” December 2010, <http://hawaii.gov/budget/bienniumbudget/multiyear/details-of-the-operating-and-capital-budget-by/27.%20Department%20of%20Transportation.pdf>. Sources accessed February 28, 2011.