



Measuring Transportation Investments: The Road to Results

Kentucky 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.

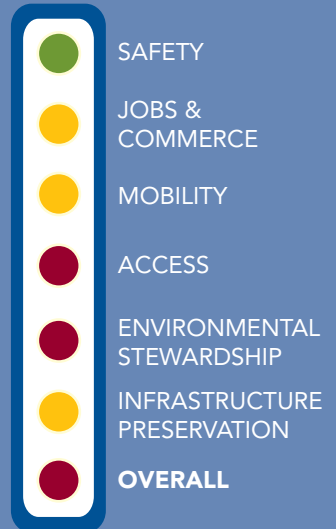
Kentucky has fared well in measuring its transportation system's progress in advancing safety; the state exceeded its target of reducing annual transportation fatalities by 5 percent from 2006–2008 levels by 2010, and it is aiming for another 10 percent reduction by 2012. But Kentucky has room for improvement in tracking transportation's impact on other key policy goals. For instance, its annual transportation reports contain virtually no information on the system's performance in the key areas of jobs and commerce, access and environmental stewardship. And safety is the only policy goal of the six analyzed by the Pew-Rockefeller study toward which Kentucky has timely data or sets targets for benchmarking improvement.

\$2.09 BILLION The state spent an estimated \$2.09 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: Kentucky Office of Highway Safety, "2010 Highway Safety Performance Plan," 10, <http://www.nhtsa.gov/nhtsa/whatsup/safeteaweb/FY10/HSPs/KYFY10HSP.pdf> (accessed January 26, 2011).