



Measuring Transportation Investments: The Road to Results

Connecticut 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.

The state is a national leader in measuring its transportation system’s progress in advancing key policy goals such as safety, mobility and environmental stewardship. For example, the state tracks the amount and types of recycled material used in transportation projects; it also monitors greenhouse gas emissions and has targets for reductions by major sectors, including transportation. The transportation department issues a quarterly report card on its performance, from pavement conditions to jobs created. Connecticut’s General Assembly, meanwhile, is working to establish a “results-based accountability” approach for decision making. Subcommittee budget books include report cards from agencies on their performance—information that can be used to make smarter funding choices.

\$1.8 BILLION The state spent an estimated \$1.8 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: Connecticut Department of Transportation, “Summary of CTDOT Performance Measures 2010 Quarter 1 (January 1 to March 31),” August 2010, <http://www.ct.gov/dot/lib/dot/documents/dperformancemeasures/pmeasures2010q1.pdf>; Connecticut Department of Transportation, “Transportation in Connecticut: The Planning Process-Federal and State Requirements,” November 2007, 100-105, <http://www.ct.gov/dot/lib/dot/documents/dpolicy/2007processcolor.pdf>. Sources accessed April 2011. Pew Center on the States interview with Representative Diana Urban, Connecticut General Assembly, January 12, 2011.