



Measuring Transportation Investments: The Road to Results

Florida 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 including safety, infrastructure preservation, access, mobility and environmental stewardship. Florida’s success at tracking the performance of its transportation system toward safety, for instance, can be seen in its efforts to reduce fatal crashes. In fiscal year 2010, the number of crash-related deaths in the state fell to 2,563, a 17-year low. That was due in part to the state’s safety goals tied to deadly alcohol-related crashes. In the area of environmental stewardship, Florida has established a target for reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions to 2000 levels by 2017, and it tracks transportation-related GHG emissions by fuel source. Similar use of targets in the area of jobs and commerce would further improve the state’s ability to measure the transportation system’s performance.

\$6.69 BILLION The state spent an estimated \$6.69 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.

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