



Measuring Transportation Investments: The Road to Results

Missouri 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.

Missouri is one of five states leading the way in tracking how its transportation system is advancing all six policy goals identified in the Pew-Rockefeller study. The state has become a national model in using data to improve safety, keying in on the leading causes of serious crashes to reduce roadway fatalities from 1,257 in 2005 to 878 in 2009. Missouri has advanced tools in the area of jobs and commerce: Since 2006, the departments of Transportation and Economic Development have produced detailed economic studies of transportation initiatives, and the state publishes a quarterly performance tracker that includes extensive information to help decision makers understand the effects of its transportation system on economic growth. Missouri also monitors access through customer satisfaction surveys about the availability of public transportation options.

\$2.85 BILLION The state spent an estimated \$2.85 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

- 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: Pew Center on the States interview with Ben Reeser, Missouri Department of Transportation (DOT), January 10, 2011; National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, “Traffic Safety Facts-Missouri: 2005-2009,” http://www-nrd.nhsta.dot.gov/departments/nrd-30/nca/stsi/29_MO/2009/29_MO_2009.htm; DOT, “Tracker: Measures of Departmental Performance,” January 2010, 7c, 11a, 12d and 12j, and October 2010, http://www.modot.mo.gov/about/general_info/Tracker.htm. Sources accessed April 2011.