



# Measuring Transportation Investments: The Road to Results

**Nebraska 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.

Nebraska does not have the information needed to assess the effectiveness of its transportation system in advancing the key policy goals of jobs and commerce, access and environmental stewardship. In all three areas, the state does not report core outcome measures that would help track performance. In environmental stewardship, for example, it does not track transportation’s impact on air quality. Nebraska does make a solid effort in evaluating performance in mobility, however, tracking congestion on its interstate highway and comparing results to past years and the national average. This information could be further improved with more detailed data and information about public transit.

**\$710 MILLION** The state spent an estimated \$710 million 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: Nebraska Department of Transportation, “Performance Measures: A Performance Based Transportation Agency,” November 2010, <http://www.dor.state.ne.us/performance/docs/2010-report.pdf> (accessed February 28, 2011).