



# Measuring Transportation Investments: The Road to Results

**New York is one of 19 states with mixed results** in having the essential tools—goals, performance measures and data—needed to help decision makers choose more cost-effective transportation funding and policy options.

New York tracks the on-time performance of transit options, an important measure that helps make the state a leader in assessing transportation's progress toward the key policy goal of mobility. The state also has strong data about outcomes in the area of environmental stewardship, including information about greenhouse gas emissions from transportation sources, which are tracked in the transportation section of the state's energy plan. However, the state could improve its measurement of progress toward access by tracking core performance measures, such as the availability of transportation options for seniors or the disabled, and progress toward jobs and commerce, by reporting more timely data.

**\$7.88 BILLION** The state spent an estimated \$7.88 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: New York State Department of Transportation, "New York State Rail Plan 2009: Strategies for a New Age," February 2009, <https://www.nysdot.gov/divisions/policy-and-strategy/planning-bureau/state-rail-plan/repository/State%20Rail%20Plan%202009-02-10.pdf>; State Energy Planning Board, "Transportation Issue in Brief, New York State Energy Plan 2009," December 2009, [http://www.nysenergyplan.com/final/Transportation\\_IB.pdf](http://www.nysenergyplan.com/final/Transportation_IB.pdf). Sources accessed April 5, 2011.