



Measuring Transportation Investments: The Road to Results

Virginia 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.

Virginia is one of just 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 provides timely, detailed information to its citizens about transportation outcomes; for example, it offers not only data about roadway congestion, but also explanations of what is causing it and what solutions are being pursued. Much of this information can be found on Virginia Performs, the state’s performance Web site. The fiscal crisis has taken a toll, however. A December 2010 legislative audit reported that a performance-driven prioritization process for new transportation projects, launched in the middle of the last decade, has been undermined by fiscal constraints.

\$3.74 BILLION The state spent an estimated \$3.74 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: Virginia Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment, “Transportation Performance Trend Report—2008,” 2008, http://www.vatransperforms.virginia.gov/TransPerf08/PDF/All_Goals_2008.pdf; Council on Virginia’s Future, “Virginia Performs: Transportation, Traffic Congestion,” last modified June 29, 2010, <http://vaperforms.virginia.gov/indicators/transportation/trafficCongestion.php>; Virginia Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission “Review of Virginia’s Transportation Planning and Programming,” December 2010. Sources accessed April 2011.