



# Measuring Transportation Investments: The Road to Results

**West Virginia 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.

West Virginia fares well in measuring its transportation system's progress in advancing the key policy goals of safety and infrastructure preservation. For instance, the state aims to resurface 8.3 percent of its paved highways every year so that the entire system will be revamped over a 12-year cycle. But with other goals, such as jobs and commerce, the state has room for improvement. For example, West Virginia does not have performance measures and data to assess transportation's progress toward mobility and environmental stewardship. It has only one performance measure for access, transit ridership. The state has set a goal of boosting rural transit ridership by 1.5 percent each year, a target it met for a few years before ridership fell in 2010.

**\$1.44 BILLION** The state spent an estimated \$1.44 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.

SOURCE: State of West Virginia, "Executive Budget Fiscal 2012: Volume II, Operating Detail," January 12, 2011, <http://www.budget.wv.gov/executivebudget/Documents/VIIOD2012.pdf> (accessed February 19, 2011).