

NEW JERSEY (Sen. Booker and Menendez)

Current Condition:

- 38% of state's major urban roads are in poor condition¹
 - \$4.1B a year in cost to motorists from driving on roads in need of repair, which is \$685 per year for motorists²
 - A total of 2,897 people died on highways from 2009 through 2013³
- New Jersey's population grew by 15% between 1990 and 2013⁴
- Vehicle travel on state highways increased by 26% from 1990 to 2013⁵
- 64% of state's urban highways are congested⁶
 - Congestion costs motorists \$121B a year in wasted time and fuel costs

Commerce:

- 72% of the \$423 billion worth of commodities delivered annually from sites in New Jersey is transported by trucks on the state's highways.
 - I-95 at SR 4 in Fort Lee is the 2nd largest freight bottleneck in the country, with an average speed of 29 MPH⁷

Need Federal Investment:

- 35% Federal share of NJ's Highway Capital Program.⁸
- National Interstate Backlog of \$185.24b on 47,575 miles of interstate.⁹
 - National Highway System (NHS) backlog of \$424.5b on 227,224 miles of the NHS.

DRIVE Act —→ *What this does for New Jersey*

Prioritize Bridge Reconstruction and Safety:

- Increased bridge set aside funding for:
 - NJ's 621 structurally deficient bridges¹⁰
 - 35% of the state's bridges are structurally deficient or functionally obsolete¹¹

Improving Commerce:

In the first 3 years of the DRIVE Act, NJ will receive \$112,034,888 in addition to growth of the existing programs for freight.

- Prioritizing federal spending on interstate for projects in the national economic interest

¹ TRIP

² Ibid

³ FHWA

⁴ US Census

⁵ TRIP

⁶ Ibid.

⁷ FHWA

⁸ ARTBA

⁹ AASHTO and FHWA

¹⁰ FHWA

¹¹ Ibid.

Long-term 6-year Certainty:

- Total share for first 3 years of DRIVE Act: \$3,122,647,466 that the state would not get otherwise.
- *Major Projects in jeopardy:*
 - I-295/I-76/Route 42 Interchange project: Spanning over four counties, construction on the vast expansion and repairs, which has been designed to minimize inconvenience to motorists, is expected to take place from March 2013 until 2021¹²
 - Route 37 Mathis Bridge over Barnegat Bay: Planned to begin construction in late 2015, will assist Tunney Bridges carrying Route 37 over Barnegat Bay, and has hopes of being completed before Summer 2018¹³
- Building off NEPA reforms accomplished in MAP-21, DRIVE is cutting red tape and accelerating project delivery to increase NJ's ability to efficiently finish projects.
- DRIVE delivers 6 years of certainty. 12 short term extensions since SAFETEA-LU have impeded on NJ's ability to properly plan and budget for transportation projects.
- DRIVE gives NJ the ability to prepare for the next 50 years. With a focus on innovation, NJ can better deploy technology to improve the state transportation network.

¹² <http://www.nj.gov/transportation/commuter/roads/rt295/>

¹³ <http://www.nj.gov/transportation/commuter/roads/rte37mathisbridge/>