WEST VIRGINIA

Current Condition of Transportation:

- 28% of West Virginia's major roads are in poor condition[1]
  - Driving on roads in need of repair costs West Virginia motorists $715m a year, or $575 a year per motorist[2]
  - Between 2009 and 2013, a total of 1,679 lives were lost on the state's roads[3]
  - Motor vehicle crashes cost West Virginia $1.2b per year, $701 for each resident, in medical costs, lost productivity, travel delays, and other related costs[4]
- Due to a lack of transportation funding, the number of miles of roadway in poor condition in the state is projected to increase from 21% to 34% by 2023[5]
- 5% of West Virginia's major urban roads are congested during peak travel times[6]
- Congestion in America costs motorists $121b annually in wasted fuel

Current Condition of Commerce:

- Each year, 65% of the $50 billion worth of commodities delivered annually from sites in West Virginia is transported by trucks on the state's highways[7]

Need for Federal Investment:

- 58% Federal share of West Virginia'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 West Virginia*

Prioritize Bridge Reconstruction and Safety:

- Increased bridge set aside funding for:
  - WV's 960 structurally deficient bridges.[10]
  - 35% of West Virginia's bridges are structurally deficient or functionally obsolete[11]

Improving Commerce:

- FY16 dedicated funding for Freight Program: $22,231,214

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[1] TRIP
[2] Ibid
[3] FHWA
[4] TRIP
[5] Ibid.
[6] Ibid.
[7] Ibid.
[8] ARTBA
[9] AASHTO and FHWA
[10] FHWA
[11] Ibid.

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

<u>Long-Term 6-Year Certainty</u>:

- Total FY16 share: $452,837,011
- *Major Projects in jeopardy*:
    - **Construction of Corridor H**[12]: Needed to increase economic development and tourism, and to enhance vehicle safety[13]
    - **King Coal Highway**[14]: A project developed in 1999 to connect multiple counties along existing US Route 52. Needs further federal funding for completion[15]
- Building off NEPA reforms accomplished in MAP-21, DRIVE is cutting red tape and accelerating project delivery to increase WV's ability to efficiently finish projects.
- DRIVE delivers 6 years of certainty. 12 short term extensions since SAFETEA-LU have impeded on WV's ability to properly plan and budget for transportation projects.
- DRIVE gives WV the ability to prepare for the next 50 years. With a focus on innovation, WV can better deploy technology to improve the state transportation network.

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[12] AASHTO
[13] http://www.wvcorridorh.com/route/route.html
[14] AASHTO
[15] http://www.wvkingcoal.com/default.aspx