

LOUISIANA (Sen. Vitter and Cassidy)

Current Condition of Transportation:

- 926 miles of interstate¹ – ASCE grade of D²
 - Driving on roads in need of repair costs Louisiana motorists \$1.3b a year, or \$464 a year per motorist³
 - Highway fatalities – 722 in 2012⁴
- Congestion and travel delays in some areas will double by 2030 unless capacity is added to the region’s transportation systems⁵
- Congestion costs Louisiana drivers \$413m annually in wasted fuel (Roads, Bridges, Safety (fatalities), Congestion, Expected increases, etc.)⁶
- Annual vehicle travel increased by 8% from 41.2 billion VMT in 1999 to 44.9 billion VMT in 2009.⁷
- Estimated that in year 2030 overall travel in LA’s roadways will increase to 57 billion miles.⁸

Current Condition of Commerce:

- With 8 costal ports and 13 inland ports, freight is crucial to the state’s economic competitiveness⁹
- Each year, \$140b in goods are shipped from LA, and another \$159b are shipped to LA, mostly by trucks¹⁰
- 50% of the goods shipped to sites in LA and 40% of goods shipped from LA are carried by truck¹¹
- Tons of freight flow – 1.1B in 2012¹²
- Ton-miles of freight flow – 583.9B in 2012¹³
- I-49 from New Orleans to Lafayette has earned the name of “America’s Energy Corridor” because 80% of the nation’s offshore oil and gas supply comes from or through Louisiana, which amounts to 30% of the entire energy consumption in the country¹⁴

¹ FHWA

² ASCE

³ Ibid.

⁴ FHWA

⁵ TRIP

⁶ Ibid.

⁷ ASCE

⁸ Ibid.

⁹ TRIP

¹⁰ Ibid.

¹¹ Ibid.

¹² ASCE

¹³ Ibid.

¹⁴ Ibid.

Need for Federal Investment:

- 48% Federal Share of LA Highway Capital Program¹⁵
 - National Interstate Backlog of \$185.24b on 47,575 miles of interstate.¹⁶
 - National Highway System (NHS) backlog of \$424.5b on 227,224 miles of the NHS.
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DRIVE Act —→ *What this does for Louisiana*

Prioritize Bridge Reconstruction and Safety:

- Increased bridge set aside funding for:
 - LA's 1,827 structurally deficient bridges¹⁷
 - Current ASCE grade of D+¹⁸
 - By 2015, approximately 31% of LA's bridges will be more than 50 years old.¹⁹

Improving Commerce

- In the first 3 years of the DRIVE Act, LA will receive \$93,511,351 in addition to growth of the existing programs for freight.
- Prioritizing federal spending on interstate for projects in the national economic interest

Long-Term 6-Year Certainty:

- Total share for first 3 years of DRIVE Act: \$3,095,780,202 that the state would not get otherwise.
- *Major Projects:*
 - The replacement of the Bayou Barataria Bridge on LA 302 in Jefferson Parish
 - Replacement of the Chef Menteur Pass Bridge on US 90 in Orleans Parish
 - Widening of I-10 in Lafayette, Baton Rouge, and New Orleans
- Building off NEPA reforms accomplished in MAP-21, DRIVE is cutting red tape and accelerating project delivery to increase LA's ability to efficiently finish projects.
- DRIVE delivers 6 years of certainty. 12 short term extensions since SAFETEA-LU have impeded on LA's ability to properly plan and budget for transportation projects.
- DRIVE gives LA the ability to prepare for the next 50 years. With a focus on innovation, LA can better deploy technology to improve the state transportation network.

¹⁵ ARTBA

¹⁶ AASHTO and FHWA

¹⁷ FHWA

¹⁸ ASCE

¹⁹ ASCE