

# MISSISSIPPI

## Current Condition of Transportation:

- 24% of MS's major roads are in poor condition<sup>1</sup>
  - ASCE grade of C<sup>2</sup>
  - Driving on roads in need of repair costs Mississippi motorists \$1.1b a year, or \$582 a year per motorist<sup>3</sup>
  - Between 2009 and 2013, a total of 3,166 lives were lost on the state's roads<sup>4</sup>
- MS's population increased by 19% from 1990 to 2013<sup>5</sup>
- Vehicle travel on Mississippi's highways increased by 39% from 1990 to 2013, while new road mileage only increased by 4%<sup>6</sup>
- 28% of Mississippi's major urban highways are congested<sup>7</sup>
- Congestion in America costs motorists \$121b annually in wasted fuel<sup>8</sup>

## Current Condition of Commerce:

- Each year, 66% of the \$91b worth of commodities delivered annually from sites in Mississippi are transported by trucks on the state's highways<sup>9</sup>

## Need for Federal Investment:

- 49% Federal share of Mississippi's Highway Capital Program.<sup>10</sup>
- National Interstate Backlog of \$185.24b on 47,575 miles of interstate.<sup>11</sup>
  - a. 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 Mississippi*

## Prioritize bridge reconstruction and safety:

- Increased bridge set aside funding for:
  - MI's 2,275 structurally deficient bridges<sup>12</sup>
  - 21% of MS's bridges are structurally deficient or functionally obsolete<sup>13</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> TRIP

<sup>2</sup> ASCE

<sup>3</sup> TRIP

<sup>4</sup> FHWA

<sup>5</sup> US Census

<sup>6</sup> TRIP

<sup>7</sup> Ibid.

<sup>8</sup> Ibid.

<sup>9</sup> Ibid.

<sup>10</sup> ARTBA

<sup>11</sup> AASHTO and FHWA

<sup>12</sup> FHWA

<sup>13</sup> Ibid.

### Improving Commerce

- New Freight Program prioritizes federal spending on the interstate for projects of national economic interest
- Freight Program for Mississippi in FY16: \$24,612,712

### Long-Term 6-Year Certainty:

- Total FY16 share: \$501,155,228
- *Major Projects in jeopardy:*
  - a. **I-55 From Byram To McDowell Road**<sup>14</sup>: \$94 Million project started in summer 2013 to expand the 7.5 mile stretch to six lanes<sup>15</sup>
- Building off NEPA reforms accomplished in MAP-21, DRIVE is cutting red tape and accelerating project delivery to increase MS's ability to efficiently finish projects.
- DRIVE delivers 6 years of certainty. 12 short term extensions since SAFETEA-LU have impeded on MS's ability to properly plan and budget for transportation projects.
- DRIVE gives MS the ability to prepare for the next 50 years. With a focus on innovation, MS can better deploy technology to improve the state transportation network.

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<sup>14</sup> AASHTO

<sup>15</sup> <http://www.clarionledger.com/story/news/2015/01/30/million-mdot-project-put-hold/22632897/>