

MISSISSIPPI (Sen. Cochran and Wicker)

Current Condition of Transportation:

- 24% of MS's major roads are in poor condition¹
 - ASCE grade of C²
 - Driving on roads in need of repair costs Mississippi motorists \$1.1b a year, or \$582 a year per motorist³
 - Between 2009 and 2013, a total of 3,166 lives were lost on the state's roads⁴
- MS's population increased by 19% from 1990 to 2013⁵
- Vehicle travel on Mississippi's highways increased by 39% from 1990 to 2013, while new road mileage only increased by 4%⁶
- 28% of Mississippi's major urban highways are congested⁷
- Congestion in America costs motorists \$121b annually in wasted fuel⁸

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 highways⁹

Need for Federal Investment:

- 49% Federal share of Mississippi's Highway Capital Program.¹⁰
- National Interstate Backlog of \$185.24b on 47,575 miles of interstate.¹¹
 - a. National Highway System (NHS) backlog of \$424.5b on 227,224 miles of the NHS.

DRIVE Act **————>** *What this does for Mississippi*

Prioritize bridge reconstruction and safety:

- Increased bridge set aside funding for:
 - MI's 2,275 structurally deficient bridges¹²
 - 21% of MS's bridges are structurally deficient or functionally obsolete¹³

Improving Commerce

¹ TRIP

² ASCE

³ TRIP

⁴ FHWA

⁵ US Census

⁶ TRIP

⁷ Ibid.

⁸ Ibid.

⁹ Ibid.

¹⁰ ARTBA

¹¹ AASHTO and FHWA

¹² FHWA

¹³ Ibid.

- In the first 3 years of the DRIVE Act, MS will receive \$54,763,286 in addition to growth of the existing programs for freight.
- New Freight Program prioritizes federal spending on the interstate for projects of national economic interest

Long-Term 6-Year Certainty:

- Total share for first 3 years of DRIVE Act: \$1,512,597,244 that the state would not get otherwise.
- *Major Projects in jeopardy:*
 - a. **I-55 From Byram To McDowell Road**¹⁴: \$94 Million project started in summer 2013 to expand the 7.5 mile stretch to six lanes¹⁵
- 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.

¹⁴ AASHTO

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