

ALABAMA

Current Condition of Transportation:

- 20% of AL's major roads are in poor condition¹
 - Driving on roads in need of repair costs Alabama motorists \$1.4b a year, or \$354 a year per motorist²
 - 852 lives were lost on the state's roads in 2013³
- AL's population increased by 19% from 1990 to 2013⁴
- 52% of Alabama's major urban highways are congested⁵
 - Congestion in America costs motorists \$121b annually in wasted fuel⁶

Current Condition of Commerce:

- 83% of the \$183b worth of commodities delivered annually from sites in Alabama is transported by trucks on the state's highways⁷

Need for Federal Investment:

- 68% Federal share of AL Highway Capital Program⁸
- 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.

FAST Act **————>** *What this does for Alabama*

Prioritize Bridge Reconstruction and Safety:

- Expands funding eligibilities to bridges off the NHS in order to reach the growing number of deteriorating bridges:
 - AL's 1,388 structurally deficient bridges¹⁰
 - 22% of AL's bridges are structurally deficient or functionally obsolete¹¹

¹ TRIP

² Ibid.

³ FHWA

⁴ US Census

⁵ TRIP

⁶ Ibid.

⁷ Ibid.

⁸ ARTBA

⁹ AASHTO and FHWA

¹⁰ FHWA

¹¹ Ibid.

Improving Commerce:

- Over the life of the bill (FY2016-FY2020), AL will receive \$121,553,595 in addition to growth of the existing programs for freight.
- This new formula-based Freight Program will ensure federal dollars for the state by prioritizing spending on interstate for projects in the national economic interest.
- In addition to the National Freight Program, AL, through the Nationally Significant Freight and Highway Projects (NSFHP), a \$4.5 billion discretionary grant program, will be able to compete for funding to address major projects of high importance to a community, a region, or the country. This will provide much needed funding for projects that are too big to get off the ground due to constraints on traditional funding. Furthermore, NSFHP has a rural set-aside and equitable geographic distribution of funds. This will ensure a balance of where federal dollars are directed, making sure rural projects see the light of day as well as the major projects that will greatly benefit the national economy.

Long-Term 5-Year Certainty:

Total share over 5 years of the FAST Act: \$4,298,001,966 that the state would not get otherwise.

- Major State Projects that can benefit from the FAST Act:
 - **Mobile River Bridge** in AL, new six-lane bridge and widening of existing lanes to increase capacity of I-10 to meet existing predicted future traffic volumes and to provide the much needed roadway. (\$2.6B estimated project cost)
 - **Northern Beltline Project:** The project would create a 52-mile expressway that would extend from I-59/20 in Bessemer to I-59 north of Trussville¹²
 - **Montgomery Outer Loop:** connects I-85 to Vaughn Road in Montgomery, with longer-range plan to extend I-85 through West Alabama¹³
- FAST delivers 5 years of certainty. 36 short term extensions since SAFETEA-LU have impeded on AL's ability to properly plan and budget for transportation projects.
- Building off NEPA reforms accomplished in MAP-21, FAST is cutting red tape and accelerating project delivery to increase AL's ability to efficiently finish projects.
- FAST gives AL the ability to prepare for the next 50 years. With a focus on innovation, AL can better deploy technology to improve the state transportation network.

¹² <http://aldotapps.dot.state.al.us/BNB/>

¹³ <http://aldotapps.dot.state.al.us/MOL/>