

# GEORGIA

## Current Condition of Transportation:

- 17% of GA's major roads are in poor condition<sup>1</sup>
  - ASCE road grade of C-<sup>2</sup>
  - Costs each Georgian motorist \$371 a year in extra maintenance<sup>3</sup>
  - A total of 6,122 lives were lost on GA's highways from 2009 to 2013<sup>4</sup>
- Vehicle travel on GA's highways increased 50% from 1990-2013<sup>5</sup> while the state population grew by 53% in that time<sup>6</sup>
- 56% of GA's major highways are congested.<sup>7</sup>
  - Congestion in America costs motorists \$121b annually in wasted fuel

## Commerce:

- Annually, 84% of the \$378b in goods shipped within GA traveled by truck across the state's vast highway infrastructure<sup>8</sup>

## Need for Federal Investment:

- Nearly 76% federal share of Georgia Highway Capital Program<sup>9</sup>
- National Interstate Backlog of \$185.24b on 47,575 miles of interstate.<sup>10</sup>
  - 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 Georgia*

### Prioritize bridge reconstruction and safety:

- Increased bridge set aside funding for:
  - GA's 785 structurally deficient bridges - 16% of Georgia's bridges are rated as structurally deficient or functionally obsolete<sup>11</sup>
  - Current ASCE road grade of C-<sup>12</sup>

### Improve Commerce:

- FY16 Dedicated funding for Freight Program: \$65,543,597
- FY16 Prioritizes federal spending on the interstate for projects in the national economic interest

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<sup>1</sup> TRIP

<sup>2</sup> ASCE

<sup>3</sup> TRIP

<sup>4</sup> FHWA

<sup>5</sup> TRIP

<sup>6</sup> US Census

<sup>7</sup> TRIP

<sup>8</sup> TRIP

<sup>9</sup> AASHTO

<sup>10</sup> AASHTO and FHWA

<sup>11</sup> FHWA

<sup>12</sup> ASCE

**Long-Term 6-Year Certainty:**

- Total FY16 share: \$1,337,947,676
- 683 projects are at risk with lack of federal investment<sup>13</sup>
- Critical Projects:
  - a. Forsyth County: CR 455/Bethelview Road from CR 8/Castleberry Road to SR 20 (Reconstruction/Rehabilitation)
  - b. Clarke/Oglethorpe Counties: SR 10 from CR 166/Whit Davis Clarke to CR 26/Smokey/Oglethorpe (Reconstruction/Rehabilitation)
  - c. Dooly County: I-75 @ SR 27, Widen Bridge Ramps (Reconstruction/Rehabilitation)<sup>14</sup>
  
- Building off NEPA reforms accomplished in MAP-21, DRIVE is cutting red tape and accelerating project delivery to increase GA's ability to efficiently finish projects.
- DRIVE delivers 6 years of certainty. 12 short term extensions since SAFETEA-LU have impeded on GA's ability to properly plan and budget for transportation projects.
- DRIVE gives GA the ability to prepare for the next 50 years. With a focus on innovation, GA can better deploy technology to improve the state transportation network.

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