

# ALABAMA

## Current Condition of Transportation:

- 20% of AL's major roads are in poor condition<sup>1</sup>
  - Driving on roads in need of repair costs Alabama motorists \$1.4b a year, or \$354 a year per motorist<sup>2</sup>
  - 852 lives were lost on the state's roads in 2013<sup>3</sup>
- AL's population increased by 19% from 1990 to 2013<sup>4</sup>
- 52% of Alabama's major urban highways are congested<sup>5</sup>
  - Congestion in America costs motorists \$121b annually in wasted fuel<sup>6</sup>

## 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 highways<sup>7</sup>

## Need for Federal Investment:

- 68% Federal share of AL Highway Capital Program<sup>8</sup>
- National Interstate Backlog of \$185.24b on 47,575 miles of interstate.<sup>9</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 Alabama*

## Prioritize Bridge Reconstruction and Safety:

- Increased Bridge Set Aside for:
  - AL's 1,388 structurally deficient bridges<sup>10</sup>
  - 22% of AL's bridges are structurally deficient or functionally obsolete<sup>11</sup>

## Improving Commerce:

- FY16 dedicated funding for Freight Program: \$38,588,442
- Prioritizing federal spending on the interstate for projects of national economic interest

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<sup>1</sup> TRIP

<sup>2</sup> Ibid.

<sup>3</sup> FHWA

<sup>4</sup> US Census

<sup>5</sup> TRIP

<sup>6</sup> Ibid.

<sup>7</sup> Ibid.

<sup>8</sup> ARTBA

<sup>9</sup> AASHTO and FHWA

<sup>10</sup> FHWA

<sup>11</sup> Ibid.

### Long-Term 6-Year Certainty:

- Total FY16 share: \$786,149,218
- *Major Projects:*
  - **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 Trussville<sup>12</sup>
  - **Montgomery Outer Loop:** connects I-85 to Vaughn Road in Montgomery, with longer-range plan to extend I-85 through West Alabama<sup>13</sup>
- Building off NEPA reforms accomplished in MAP-21, DRIVE is cutting red tape and accelerating project delivery to increase AL's ability to efficiently finish projects.
- DRIVE delivers 6 years of certainty. 12 short term extension since SAFETEA-LU have impeded on AL's ability to properly plan and budget for transportation projects.
- DRIVE 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.

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

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