SOUTH CAROLINA

Current Transportation Condition:
• 10% of major roads are in poor condition
  o Costing motorists $1.3b a year - $378 per motorist\(^1\)
  o Total of 767 people died on state highways in 2013\(^2\)
• Vehicle travel on SC’s highways has increased by 43% from 1990-2013\(^3\), while the population grew by 35 percent.\(^4\)
• Congestion costs American motorists $121b a year in wasted time and fuel costs\(^5\)

Commerce:
• 84% of the $156b in commodities delivered annually from sites in SC is transported by trucks on the state’s highways.\(^6\)

Need for Federal Investment
• 79% Federal share of SC Highway Capital Program\(^7\)
• National Interstate Backlog of $185.24b on 47,575 miles of interstate.\(^8\)
  o National Highway System (NHS) backlog of $424.5b on 227,224 miles of the NHS.

FAST Act — What this does for South Carolina

Prioritizing Bridge Reconstruction and Safety:
• Expands funding eligibilities to bridges off the NHS in order to reach the growing number of deteriorating bridges:
  o SC’s 1,031 structurally deficient bridges – 20.6% are structurally deficient or functionally obsolete\(^9\)

Improving Commerce:
• Over the life of the bill (FY2016-FY2020), SC will receive $107,214,664 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.

\(^1\) TRIP
\(^2\) FHWA
\(^3\) TRIP
\(^4\) US Census
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\(^6\) TRIP
\(^7\) TRIP
\(^8\) ARTBA
\(^9\) AASHTO and FHWA
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In addition to the National Freight Program, SC, 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: $3,795,774,769 that the state would not get otherwise.
- Major State Projects that can benefit from the FAST Act: 10
  - $23 million to extend SC 153 from US 123 To S-135 Prince Perry Road
  - $24.7 million to extend Platt Spring Road
  - $270 million for improvements to the I-85/I-385 interchange

- FAST delivers 5 years of certainty. 36 short term extensions since SAFETEA-LU have impeded on SC’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 SC’s ability to efficiently finish projects.
- FAST gives SC the ability to prepare for the next 50 years. With a focus on innovation, SC can better deploy technology to improve the state transportation network.

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