

SOUTH CAROLINA

Current Transportation Condition:

- 10% of major roads are in poor condition
 - Costing motorists \$1.3b a year - \$378 per motorist¹
 - Total of 767 people died on state highways in 2013²
- Vehicle travel on SC's highways has increased by 43% from 1990-2013³, while the population grew by 35 percent.⁴
- Congestion costs American motorists \$121b a year in wasted time and fuel costs⁵

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 Program⁷
- National Interstate Backlog of \$185.24b on 47,575 miles of interstate.⁸
 - 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:
 - SC's 1,031 structurally deficient bridges - 20.6% are structurally deficient or functionally obsolete⁹

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 ARTBA

⁸ AASHTO and FHWA

⁹ FHWA

- 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
 - o \$23 million to extend SC 153 from US 123 To S-135 Prince Perry Road
 - o \$24.7 million to extend Platt Spring Road
 - o \$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.

¹⁰ <http://www.scpolicycouncil.org/featured/how-does-road-money-get-spent>