

TEXAS (Sen. Cornyn and Cruz)

Current Transportation Condition:

- 15% of major roads are in poor condition¹
 - ASCE road grade of D ²
 - Costing motorists \$1.3b a year - \$278 per motorist³
 - Total of 3,382 people died on state highways in 2013⁴
- Vehicle travel on TX's highways has increased by 51% from 1990-2013⁵, while the population grew by 53 percent.⁶
- 47% of TX's major roads are congested.⁷
- Congestion costs American motorists \$121b a year in wasted time and fuel costs⁸

Commerce:

- 59% of the \$1.2t in commodities delivered annually from sites in TX is transported by trucks on the state's highways.⁹

Need for Federal Investment

- 47% Federal share of TX Highway Capital Program¹⁰
- National Interstate Backlog of \$185.24b on 47,575 miles of interstate.¹¹
 - National Highway System (NHS) backlog of \$424.5b on 227,224 miles of the NHS.

DRIVE Act —————> *What this does for Texas*

Prioritizing Bridge Safety:

- Increased bridge set aside funding for:
 - Texas's 1,127 structurally deficient bridges - 18.9% are structurally deficient or functionally obsolete¹²
 - Current ASCE bridge grade of B- ¹³

Improving Commerce:

- In the first 3 years of the DRIVE Act, TX will receive \$389,439,698 in addition to growth of the existing programs for freight.
- Prioritizing federal spending on interstate for projects in the national economic interest

¹ TRIP

² ASCE

³ TRIP

⁴ FHWA

⁵ TRIP

⁶ US Census

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¹⁰ AASHTO

¹¹ AASHTO and FHWA

¹² FHWA

¹³ ASCE

Long-term 6 year Certainty:

- Total share for first 3 years of DRIVE Act: \$10,795,464,831 that the state would not get otherwise.
- Critical Projects that require federal certainty:¹⁴
 - Interstate 35E Corridor - \$4.8b
 - Horseshoe Project: I-30 and I-35 reconstruction and interchange - \$818m
 - The Department “is more concerned with Congress finding a long-term solution to federal transportation funding that provides certainty,” Nick Wade (TxDOT)¹⁵
- Building off NEPA reforms accomplished in MAP-21, DRIVE is cutting red tape and accelerating project delivery to increase TX’s ability to efficiently finish projects.
- DRIVE delivers 6 years of certainty. 12 short term extensions since SAFETEA-LU have impeded on TX’s ability to properly plan and budget for transportation projects.
- DRIVE gives TX the ability to prepare for the next 50 years. With a focus on innovation, TX can better deploy technology to improve the state transportation network.

¹⁴ TxDOT

¹⁵ <http://www.dallasnews.com/news/transportation/20140910-everythings-bigger-in-texas-except-share-of-federal-highway-fund.ece>