LOUISIANA ROAD & BRIDGE REPORT

The NEED for a 2020 Special Session
The needs are well-documented and indisputable.

- American Society of Civil Engineers issued Louisiana a D+ for its road and bridge grade.
- U.S. News and World Report ranked LA 48th in the country for worst roads and bridges.
- In 2019 alone, 35 bridges have been shut down.
- Louisiana has a $26 billion road and bridge maintenance and capacity backlog.
- In the current fiscal year, only $37 million will be spent to maintain ALL non-federal eligible roads in Louisiana and only $46.4 million for parish roads was allocated for all 64 parishes.

Louisiana needs a FAIR and EQUITABLE recurring revenue stream that keeps pace with inflation, distributes the burden to all users and prioritizes actual projects.

It’s time to be BOLD in thought and determined in ACTION.

Instead of LAGGING, LOSING AND UNDERPERFORMING, Louisiana needs a Governor and Legislature willing to LEAD, INVEST AND DELIVER.
LOUISIANA’S TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM is disproportionally large….and we have failed to invest…. while our citizens suffer from extreme traffic congestion and our economy trails our peers.

11TH
Largest state highway system to maintain
16,667 Miles of public roadway (39,300 lane miles of roadway)
12,900 Bridges
69 Airports
32 Deep, shallow and coastal ports
21 Freight railroads

48TH ranked state overall infrastructure

43RD lowest gas tax in the United States
31 STATES and the District of Columbia have increased their gas tax since 2013.

On average, each Louisiana car driver pays only $135 per year on state gas taxes
41% Increase in urban road usage in last 10 years, while the system has expanded less than 1%

6¢ The buying power of the 16 cents gas tax is 6 cents in 2019 dollars.

$700M Without the use of rare surplus dollars, Louisiana would have lost over $700 million in federal highway funds.

16¢ The 16 cents state gas tax in Louisiana has not been raised since 1985. In 1989, Louisiana voters passed a 4-cent increase for 16 new capacity projects.

26th 42M Extra gallons of excess fuel per year in lost productivity and wasted fuel

$533/YR Additional cost in vehicle damages due to road conditions in Louisiana’s three largest cities

"The current state of the roads and bridges in LA, and the country is counterproductive to the US economy. In my role as COB of the USCC, infrastructure improvement is a priority for my year. We must do the same in Louisiana. Infrastructure repairs, maintenance, and expansion must be a priority for us in the state of Louisiana."

Maura W. Donahue
Louisiana Resident and Business Owner
Chairman, U.S. Chamber of Commerce
Former Chair, La Association of Business and Industry
PRINCIPLES OF THE SOLUTION

- People, vehicles, and products must be able to safely and easily navigate Louisiana’s roads and bridges.
- Today Louisiana’s roads and bridges are on life support and in dire need of not just an infusion of a one-time shot of money, but a healthy dose of sustainable funding.
- Any new revenue raised should be deposited into the TTF sub-fund (“LOCKBOX”) statutorily dedicated to be used toward preservation and capacity improvements only.
  - 60% preservation (existing roads and on/off system bridges)
  - 40% capacity improvements

U.S. News and World Report ranked Louisiana

49TH among state economies in the country

48TH lowest for infrastructure

The top 5 states with best economies rank in the top 10 for infrastructure.
MAKE A CALL TO ACTION
THE TIME IS NOW

• From farm to port, home to office, and soccer field to dental office, transportation moves Louisiana.

• The cost of doing business in Louisiana, the price of car insurance and maintenance, and the quality of life are keeping Louisiana at the bottom.

• Now is the time to dedicate a special legislative session, early in 2020, to enact real solutions that move Louisiana forward—solutions that increase, lock, and sustain direct funding for road and bridge infrastructure.

THE VOTERS OF LOUISIANA WANT IT....

• The majority of voters polled support an increase in a gas tax if 100% of the new revenue is dedicated to funding a long-term transportation improvement plan.

• Improving traffic congestion and poor road conditions tops the list of problems voters want to be addressed if any taxes are raised.

• For legislators in states that have dedicated new revenue to fixing roads and bridges, 93% have been re-elected or faced no opposition.

Join a diverse coalition of over 100 business leaders, chambers of commerce representatives, and trade association organizations to advocate for solutions to the dire consequences of historical underfunding for Louisiana’s roads and bridges.
SUPPORT A 2020 SPECIAL SESSION TO FIX OUR ROADS

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