# 2011 Comparative Data Report on State Transportation Programs

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### Introduction

Most of the information presented in this report is derived from two sources: the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) publication "Highway Statistics, 2009," and an e-mail survey of SLC states' Departments of Transportation, conducted in May 2011.

Because of reporting schedules involved in producing the FHWA report, the information in this report, unless otherwise noted, covers the year 2009.

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# Major Recent Transportation Legislation

### **Alabama**

None Reported

#### **Arkansas**

Legislature approved two ballot initiatives which will be put before voters at a special election called by the Governor:

- HJR 1001 would authorize a half cent statewide sales tax.
- Act 773 would levy an additional 5 cent per gallon tax on diesel fuel.

#### <u>Florida</u>

- Established the position of Assistant Secretary of the Department of Transportation to work with the Executive Office of the Governor to develop transportation projects which expand the state's role in international trade.
- Created motor carrier weight inspections as an area of program responsibility within the Department of Transportation.
- Revised the Growth Management Act to limit the state role in managing growth to protecting functions of important state resources; lessen the burden for developers to mitigate transportation impacts.
- Department of Transportation was directed by the legislature to submit a report recommending changes or alternatives to the proportionate share formula.

### Georgia

- HB 179--Increased annual outdoor advertising permitting and renewal fees to recoup the cost of the program
- HB 136--Raised the benefits for Georgia Department of Transportation employees injured or killed in the line of duty
- HB 137--Authorized the Department of Transportation to contract with a third party for accident reports and indemnified contractors working with the department during states of emergency.
- HB 87--Immigration legislation will require Department of Transportation to perform new checks on contractors.

## **Kentucky**

- Authorized \$400 million in bonds in both the 2009 and 2010 sessions and directed those to specific projects across the Commonwealth.
- Authorized \$162 million of bonds to support BRAC project activities in the vicinity of Fort Knox.
- Allowed the use of up to \$235 million in GARVEE bonds to support the Louisville bridges project.
- HB 197--Amended vehicle licensing procedures so the license plate is linked to the vehicle owner rather than the vehicle itself. (Effective 1/1/12)
- HB 245--Allowed exemptions to motor vehicle usage tax for certain transfers of vehicles to and between personal (noncorporate) trusts.
- SB 79--Established a three tiered weight classification system for farm trucks and exempted farm plated vehicles from certain safety requirements.

#### Louisiana

Did not respond to the survey.

#### **Missouri**

The following bills were adopted by the Missouri Legislature and are awaiting signature of the Governor:

- Extended the authority of Missouri Department of Transportation to enter into design-build projects to July 1, 2018.
- Amended DWI statutes that place Missouri back into compliance with Federal 164 Grant compliance as relates to repeat offenders.
- Adopted a measure to deregulate the household goods moving industry, while retaining consumer protections.
- Extended special weight limits for livestock haulers on certain routes.
- Established a CDL medical service record keeping system.

## **Mississippi**

• Authorized the issuance of \$300 million of general obligation bonds to fund special projects and bridge replacements statewide.

#### **North Carolina**

Did not respond to the survey.

#### Oklahoma

- Authorized \$70 million in bonds to offset budget reduction of \$101.6 million.
- Allowed rear facing red and blue lights on construction and maintenance equipment to increase worker safety.

### South Carolina

None Reported

#### **Tennessee**

- Authorized \$87.5 million in bonds for the third year of the state's four year bond authorization to rehab or replace 200 structurally deficient bridges.
- Established a committee to coordinate transportation services between state agencies, local governments, and non-profits funded by state agencies in order to improve delivery of services and cost-effectiveness of the systems.

### **Texas**

- SB 1420--Texas Department of Transportation Sunset Bill, extends the agency for four years, provides authority to enter into development agreements, streamlines environmental processes, and updates planning and programming processes.
- HB 563--Provided local governments the ability to establish transportation reinvestment zones.
- HB 1201--Repealed Trans-Texas Corridor statute for a planned network of tollways, rails and utility lines.
- SB 19--Established primacy process for toll projects within the boundaries of a local toll project entity.
- SB 959--Streamlined Department's video billing process for toll collection.
- HB 1353--Provided authority for the Texas Transportation Commission to increase speed limits to 75 MPH.

#### **Virginia**

- HB 2527/ SB 1446--Created the Virginia Transportation Infrastructure Bank.
- HB 1981--Allows motorcyclists and bicyclists to proceed through a red light that does not cycle properly.
- HB 2022--Charged the Department of Motor Vehicles Commissioner to develop a uniform system of permitting for overweight and oversized vehicles, and a tiered schedule of fees for such permits. The fee structure is required to be presented to the Joint Commission on Transportation Accountability by 12/15/2011.
- HB 2040 / SB 1109--Authorized the use of inmate labor at rest areas along the interstate highway system.
- HB 2282--Directed the establishment of a plan to provide for the replacement of state owned vehicles with alternative fuel vehicles to the extent practical.

### West Virginia

None reported

Source: E-mail Survey of State DOTs, May 2011.

# **Quick Facts**

(Includes Stimulus Information)

## **Summary**

This section gives a state-by-state snapshot of the most basic information presented in this report.

In addition to the basic summary information for each state, a separate summary of projects funded in each state by the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (ARRA), commonly known as stimulus funds. This information is current as of June 30, 2011.

Further information regarding ARRA funding of highway projects, including a description of each individual project by state, can be accessed at the FHWA's website: <a href="http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/economicrecovery/weeklylists.htm">http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/economicrecovery/weeklylists.htm</a>.

# **ALABAMA**

Population (2010)	4,729,656
Land Area (Square Miles)	50,750
Vehicle Miles Traveled (Billions)	56.1
Licensed Drivers	3,782,284
Motor Vehicle Registrations	4,610,845
Interstate Freeway Lane Miles	3,908
Total Highway Lane Miles	194,126
Gasoline Tax (Cents per Gallon) (May 2011)	20.9
Per Capita State Receipts from the Federal Highway Trust Fund	\$171
Fatalities per 100 Million Miles of Vehicle Travel	1.51

## **Alabama ARRA Stimulus Information**

Project Status	Number of Projects	Total ARRA Funds Obligated
Obligated and Not Awarded	0	0
Obligated and Awarded	4	\$880,720
Underway Projects	93	\$283,082,161
Completed Projects	231	\$229,611,637
TOTAL	328	\$513,574,518

# **ARKANSAS**

Population (2010)	2,910,236
Land Area (Square Miles)	52,075
Vehicle Miles Traveled (Billions)	33.2
Licensed Drivers	2,065,065
Motor Vehicle Registrations	2,037,401
Interstate Freeway Lane Miles	3,780
Total Highway Lane Miles	204,710
Gasoline Tax (Cents per Gallon) (May 2011)	21.8
Per Capita State Receipts from the Federal Highway Trust Fund	\$202
Fatalities per 100 Million Miles of Vehicle Travel	1.76

## **Arkansas ARRA Stimulus Information**

Project Status	Number of Projects	Total ARRA Funds Obligated
Obligated and Not Awarded	0	0
Obligated and Awarded	0	0
Underway Projects	30	\$230,510,581
Completed Projects	102	\$121,383,887
TOTAL	132	\$351,894,468

# **FLORIDA**

Population (2010)	18,678,049
Land Area (Square Miles)	53,997
Vehicle Miles Traveled (Billions)	194.7
Licensed Drivers	14,005,066
Motor Vehicle Registrations	15,314,757
Interstate Freeway Lane Miles	11,183
Total Highway Lane Miles	268,350
Gasoline Tax (Cents per Gallon) (May 2011)	34.4
Per Capita State Receipts from the Federal Highway Trust Fund	\$110
Fatalities per 100 Million Miles of Vehicle Travel	1.31

# Florida ARRA Stimulus Information

Project Status	Number of Projects	Total ARRA Funds Obligated
Obligated and Not Awarded	4	\$2,024,723
Obligated and Awarded	8	\$6,856,954
Underway Projects	394	\$1,208,709,519
Completed Projects	274	\$127,218,276
TOTAL	680	\$1,344,809,472

# **GEORGIA**

Population (2010)	9,908,357
Land Area (Square Miles)	57,919
Vehicle Miles Traveled (Billions)	109.3
Licensed Drivers	6,315,035
Motor Vehicle Registrations	8,507,293
Interstate Freeway Lane Miles	7,325
Total Highway Lane Miles	256,952
Gasoline Tax (Cents per Gallon) (May 2011)	29.2
Per Capita State Receipts from the Federal Highway Trust Fund	\$137
Fatalities per 100 Million Miles of Vehicle Travel	1.17

# **Georgia ARRA Stimulus Information**

Project Status	Number of Projects	Total ARRA Funds Obligated
Obligated and Not Awarded	0	0
Obligated and Awarded	26	\$38,007,444
Underway Projects	134	\$599,123,484
Completed Projects	238	\$265,493,446
TOTAL	398	\$902,624,374

# **KENTUCKY**

Population (2010)	4,339,435
Land Area (Square Miles)	39,732
Vehicle Miles Traveled (Billions)	47.4
Licensed Drivers	2,939,423
Motor Vehicle Registrations	3,584,501
Interstate Freeway Lane Miles	4,026
Total Highway Lane Miles	164,491
Gasoline Tax (Cents per Gallon) (May 2011)	22.5
Per Capita State Receipts from the Federal Highway Trust Fund	\$172
Fatalities per 100 Million Miles of Vehicle Travel	1.67

# **Kentucky ARRA Stimulus Information**

Project Status	Number of Projects	Total ARRA Funds Obligated
Obligated and Not Awarded	2	\$600,000
Obligated and Awarded	0	0
Underway Projects	51	\$299,261,976
Completed Projects	57	\$120,967,371
TOTAL	110	\$420,829,347

# **LOUISIANA**

Population (2010)	4,529,426
Land Area (Square Miles)	43,566
Vehicle Miles Traveled (Billions)	44.9
Licensed Drivers	3,086,004
Motor Vehicle Registrations	4,033,411
Interstate Freeway Lane Miles	4,054
Total Highway Lane Miles	129,034
Gasoline Tax (Cents per Gallon) (May 2011)	20.0
Per Capita State Receipts from the Federal Highway Trust Fund	\$191
Fatalities per 100 Million Miles of Vehicle Travel	1.83

## Louisiana ARRA Stimulus Information

Project Status	Number of Projects	Total ARRA Funds Obligated
Obligated and Not Awarded	0	0
Obligated and Awarded	0	0
Underway Projects	83	\$389,813,071
Completed Projects	38	\$43,201,487
TOTAL	121	\$433,014,557

# **MISSISSIPPI**

Population (2010)	2,960,467
Land Area (Square Miles)	46,914
Vehicle Miles Traveled (Billions)	40.4
Licensed Drivers	1,930,603
Motor Vehicle Registrations	2,025,690
Interstate Freeway Lane Miles	3,147
Total Highway Lane Miles	156,532
Gasoline Tax (Cents per Gallon) (May 2011)	18.8
Per Capita State Receipts from the Federal Highway Trust Fund	\$197
Fatalities per 100 Million Miles of Vehicle Travel	1.73

# **Mississippi ARRA Stimulus Information**

Project Status	Number of Projects	Total ARRA Funds Obligated
Obligated and Not Awarded	0	0
Obligated and Awarded	0	0
Underway Projects	38	\$143,455,298
Completed Projects	135	\$210,635,397
TOTAL	173	\$354,090,695

# **MISSOURI**

Population (2010)	6,011,741
Land Area (Square Miles)	68,898
Vehicle Miles Traveled (Billions)	69.0
Licensed Drivers	4,217,910
Motor Vehicle Registrations	4,904,201
Interstate Freeway Lane Miles	7,405
Total Highway Lane Miles	270,903
Gasoline Tax (Cents per Gallon) (May 2011)	17.3
Per Capita State Receipts from the Federal Highway Trust Fund	\$170
Fatalities per 100 Million Miles of Vehicle Travel	1.27

## **Missouri ARRA Stimulus Information**

Project Status	Number of Projects	Total ARRA Funds Obligated
Obligated and Not Awarded	0	0
Obligated and Awarded	1	\$709,891
Underway Projects	81	\$352,537,585
Completed Projects	255	\$285,280,575
TOTAL	337	\$638,528,051

# **NORTH CAROLINA**

Population (2010)	9,458,888
Land Area (Square Miles)	48,718
Vehicle Miles Traveled (Billions)	104.3
Licensed Drivers	6,504,269
Motor Vehicle Registrations	6,047,239
Interstate Freeway Lane Miles	7,560
Total Highway Lane Miles	262,871
Gasoline Tax (Cents per Gallon) (May 2011)	32.8
Per Capita State Receipts from the Federal Highway Trust Fund	\$120
Fatalities per 100 Million Miles of Vehicle Travel	1.26

## North Carolina ARRA Stimulus Information

Project Status	Number of Projects	Total ARRA Funds Obligated
Obligated and Not Awarded	1	\$806,449
Obligated and Awarded	0	0
Underway Projects	208	\$502,224,834
Completed Projects	193	\$224,723,799
TOTAL	402	\$727,755,082

# **OKLAHOMA**

Population (2010)	3,724,447	
Land Area (Square Miles)	68,679	
Vehicle Miles Traveled (Billions)	47.0	
Licensed Drivers	2,320,985	
Motor Vehicle Registrations	3,396,395	
Interstate Freeway Lane Miles	4,823	
Total Highway Lane Miles	234,747	
Gasoline Tax (Cents per Gallon)	17.0	
(May 2011)	17.0	
Per Capita State Receipts from the Federal	\$191	
Highway Trust Fund	Ψ171	
Fatalities per 100 Million Miles of Vehicle	1.57	
Travel	1.57	

## **Oklahoma ARRA Stimulus Information**

Project Status	Number of Projects	Total ARRA Funds Obligated
Obligated and Not Awarded	1	\$96,180
Obligated and Awarded	0	0
Underway Projects	53	\$226,427,318
Completed Projects	220	\$238,227,907
TOTAL	274	\$464,751,405

# **SOUTH CAROLINA**

Population (2010)	4,596,958	
Land Area (Square Miles)	30,111	
Vehicle Miles Traveled (Billions)	49.1	
Licensed Drivers	3,268,498	
Motor Vehicle Registrations	3,614,400	
Interstate Freeway Lane Miles	4,096	
Total Highway Lane Miles	139,952	
Gasoline Tax (Cents per Gallon)	16.8	
(May 2011)		
Per Capita State Receipts from the Federal Highway Trust Fund	\$146	
Fatalities per 100 Million Miles of Vehicle Travel	1.82	

## **South Carolina ARRA Stimulus Information**

Project Status	Number of Projects	Total ARRA Funds Obligated
Obligated and Not Awarded	0	0
Obligated and Awarded	0	0
Underway Projects	38	\$240,975,367
Completed Projects	149	\$222,543,892
TOTAL	187	\$463,519,259

# TENNESSEE

Population (2010)	6,338,112	
Land Area (Square Miles)	41,219	
Vehicle Miles Traveled (Billions)	70.2	
Licensed Drivers	4,476,539	
Motor Vehicle Registrations	5,139,662	
Interstate Freeway Lane Miles	5,718	
Total Highway Lane Miles	196,969	
Gasoline Tax (Cents per Gallon)	21.4	
(May 2011)	21.1	
Per Capita State Receipts from the Federal	\$145	
Highway Trust Fund	Ψ143	
Fatalities per 100 Million Miles of Vehicle	1.41	
Travel	1.11	

## **Tennessee ARRA Stimulus Information**

Project Status	Number of Projects	Total ARRA Funds Obligated
Obligated and Not Awarded	0	0
Obligated and Awarded	0	0
Underway Projects	106	\$351,214,984
Completed Projects	217	\$221,781,957
TOTAL	323	\$572,996,941