

Create and Sustain a Safe & Efficient Transportation System Placing Mississippi First in Getting Our Products to the World

Maintaining and expanding our transportation infrastructure is vital in growing our state's economic competitiveness and overall quality of life. The goal is to create a plan that meets the state's needs by prioritizing funding and maximizing economic growth.

- **The Need** – The transportation infrastructure is aging and will demand rebuilding and expansion. Current funding is not meeting the needs. States can no longer depend on federal funding for meeting the needs of transportation infrastructure.
- **The Importance** - Show why an excellent transportation system is vital for economic growth and quality of life. Outline benefits of an efficient transportation system.
 - Improves capacity and efficiency
 - Improves accessibility
 - Access to workforce
 - Access to Markets
 - Improves safety
- **The Stakeholders** – Identify who is impacted and how they are impacted. Determine stakeholders' needs and expectations, as well as future benefits from supporting a long-range transportation infrastructure plan.
 - The state
 - Counties
 - Cities
 - Businesses
 - Citizens
- **Understanding Priorities** – Outlining the importance of a priority system at all levels
 - Identify whether deficiencies exist in current priority system
 - Taking a holistic approach in setting priorities (state, state-aid, county, city)
 - Identify connection and importance of airports, ports and railways
 - Understanding the long-term outcomes
- **Explore Funding Opportunities**
 - Identify short-term options – using existing resources
 - Looking beyond the gas tax
 - Determine efficiencies and identify cost-savings in all phases of the process
 - What other states are doing to increase funding
 - Establish Infrastructure needs before setting funding goal
 - Create long-term approach to address future needs
- **Create a system of accountability**
 - Making it measurable to ensure that the funding used is providing the best possible return on investment