

Words That Work

National Campaign Factoids

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America is spending less than half of what it would take to bring our transportation network up to speed. Now imagine the future if we had the investment we need.

In 2007, one-quarter of major roadways in the nation's major metropolitan areas—Interstates, freeways, and other principal arterial routes—had pavements that were rated in poor condition and provided an unacceptably rough ride to motorists.

One in four of the nation's bridges are either in need of significant repair or are too narrow to handle today's traffic.

In 2008, 12 percent of the nation's bridges had significant deterioration of their deck, supports or other major components.

The average age of the nation's bridges is 43 years. Most bridges need significant repairs by the time they reach 50 years of age.

Fifty-nine percent of the nation's transit *buses* (40-feet or longer) have either exceeded their service life or will do so within the next six years.

Half of all of the nation's transit *rail cars* have either exceeded their service life or will do so within the next six years.

The average rush hour commuter spends an additional 38 hours annually—an average work week—stuck in traffic. This figure is up from 14 hours in 1982.

The length of “rush hour” doubled in the nation's urban areas from three hours in 1982 to six hours in 2005.

Twenty-eight urban areas experience 40 or more hours of delay as a result of traffic congestion.

Almost one half of the nation's urban Interstates, highways, or freeways are considered congested.

Nearly 80 percent of the nation's freight moves by trucks on the roads.

Thirteen percent of the nation's bridges no longer meet current highway standards, often because of narrow lanes, inadequate clearances, or poor alignment with the approaching roadway.

Freight highway bottlenecks are causing hundreds of millions of hours in delays annually, costing almost \$8 billion a year.