

Increasing capacity on our nation's transportation system will:

- Unlock Gridlock,
- Generate Jobs,
- Deliver Freight,
- Access Energy,
- Connect Communities

Did you know?

- The amount of freight moved in this country—from milk, toothpaste and toilet paper to sparkplugs, wheat and wind turbines—is expected to double in the next 40 years?
- The Interstate Highway System represents only 4 percent of total miles but carries 70 percent of commercial truck traffic?
- Each of the top ten worst freight-truck bottlenecks cause over one million hours of delay a year?

"Our roads, ports and railways are the economic engines that bring our goods to the marketplace. I have coined a word to encapsulate this phenomenon: 'Transconomy'—how freight transportation plus economic sustainability equals jobs and economic growth.

At Mississippi DOT, we have an integrated program that works with all modes of transportation—aeronautics, railways, public transit, ports and waterways. Together they help to eliminate congestion by reducing the number of trucks on our roads. Currently our bridges and roads have gone beyond life expectancy and continue to age and are stretched to capacity. Our highways, railroads, ports and waterways and airports all require investments well beyond current levels to maintain, much less improve, their performance. Consumers pay the ultimate price when government fails to invest in our infrastructure."

—Larry "Butch" Brown, Mississippi Department of Transportation, Executive Director



Freight Capacity Needs

Mississippi's Multimodal Capital Improvement Program

The Multimodal Capital Improvement Fund (MCIF) was established by the Mississippi legislature. State funds may be deposited into the MCIF to be expended by the Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) for the improvement of airports, ports, railroads and transit systems in the state. Currently the multimodal fund for fiscal year 2010 is at \$10 million, which is distributed as follows:

Ports	38%
Airports	34%
Transit Systems	16%
Rails	12%

Aeronautics

Mississippi's airports benefited from \$3.4 million in multimodal funding which was used to accelerate 13 high-priority airport improvement projects.

Ports and Waterways

Mississippi's inland and coastal waterways remain a vital element of the state's intermodal transportation system, providing low-cost, environmentally friendly transportation and industrial development opportunities. These ports pump nearly \$2 billion into the state's economy each year. This year multimodal funding provided \$3.8 million into 12 port and waterway projects across the state.

Public Transit

Coordinated transportation resources are playing a major role in meeting the mobility needs of local residents in urban and rural areas of Mississippi. This year multimodal funding provided \$1.6 million to 21 transit projects.

Capacity Needs *continued*

Railways

As specified by state statute, MDOT is the steward of railroad conditions and practices in Mississippi. MDOT's Rails Division addresses rail and related highway congestion problems, administers state and federal funds and conducts statewide safety inspections and projects. There are five Class I Major railroads in Mississippi. Since 1975, more than \$95 million in federal safety funds have been obligated to upgrading and improving railroad signals and railroad crossings surfaces. This fiscal year multimodal funding provided an additional \$1.2 billion for rail rehabilitation and rail crossings reducing.