



# ***The News***

## **About Highway Funding**



# *Transportation Advocates of Texas*

- Dedicated to helping find solutions to the mobility challenges facing Texas
- Launched in 2010 with the goal of supporting robust, predictable and sustainable funding solutions
- T AoT participants include:
  - Local governments
  - Mobility coalitions
  - Regional alliances
  - Economic development organizations
  - Chambers and state associations
  - Employers



# *The GOOD News*



- **Texas is No. 1** – CNBC ranked Texas best place to do business – partially because of transportation
- **Strong Foundation** – Highway system still ranks high and TxDOT squeezing lots of projects out of existing revenues and debt authority
- **P3s Deliver** – Locally requested P3 projects are moving forward – SH 99, US 290, LBJ Express, North Tarrant Express, DFW Connector, MoPac
- **More Bang for Our Bucks** – One-time cost savings due to extremely competitive bidding means other projects will move forward



# *The NOT SO GOOD News*



- **We Are Not Keeping Up With Demand**
- **1,000 More Vehicles A Day** – 30,000 more vehicles are added to Texas roads every month
- **Pavement Decay** – We are not protecting our investment with adequate maintenance. By 2025 only 21% of the system will be “good” or “better”
- **No Match for Growth** – Total miles traveled and population growth far exceed additions of new highway capacity.



# *The BAD News*



- **The Shrinking Gas Tax Blues** – Static motor fuels revenue buys less new pavement every year
- **The Credit Card is Maxed**
  - Debt has been used to build many of the projects put on the ground in recent years
  - More than \$1 billion a year of fuels tax goes to service debt on roads that are already in service
  - When 2013 scheduled projects are awarded the state's approved borrowing capacity will be exhausted
  - 2030 Committee and TTI concluded we need at least \$6 billion a year in contract lettings to maintain a minimum acceptable system.
- **Falling Short** - Without new funding our highway project contract lettings will be less than \$3 billion a year for the next four years – half of the minimum





- **Texas' highway infrastructure is failing to keep pace with population and economic growth.**
- **We need a *reliable and sustainable* means of financing urgent transportation needs.**
- **Without it we face *a rough road ahead*.**