



Transportation Funding Guiding Principles

— Louisiana at a Crossroads —

Business leaders understand that strong infrastructure networks drive growth and investment. To that end, One Acadiana has established a set of high-level guiding principles for our transportation funding advocacy, in the following order:

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“Acadiana’s business community urges the state to responsibly invest in a 21st century transportation system. Completing I-49 South should be the state’s highest priority.”

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Guiding Principle 1: Maximize current transportation funding levels and programs

- Continue to restore trust to the Transportation Trust Fund by fully protecting it from being diverted for non-transportation related expenses
- Leverage existing financing strategies such as the State Infrastructure Bank and public-private partnerships
- Maximize federal transportation funding and apply for all competitive grants that are relevant to Louisiana’s multimodal system (e.g., INFRA grant, resiliency funding)
- Consider expediting DOTD’s voluntary road transfer program to reduce the mileage of roads and bridges within the State’s responsibility

Guiding Principle 2: Find funding for transportation in other state budgetary categories

- Maximize any additional state funding sources, such as committing at least 25 percent of the annual capital outlay cash capacity to transportation infrastructure projects in the Statewide Transportation Plan

Guiding Principle 3: Support a substantial increase in transportation revenue (e.g., fuel tax) to make a meaningful impact on infrastructure improvement, with a focus on accountability

- Assure that new revenues will be protected for construction and maintenance, while containing administrative costs
- Dedicate funding for prioritized megaprojects in the Statewide Transportation Plan, with I-49 South at the top
- Provide recurring and sustainable funding to reduce a prioritized project backlog, with assurances that Acadiana will receive a fair share of funding
- Promote greater flexibility for regional and local investment in regional / local priority projects)