



Transportation Funding Guiding Principles

Louisiana at a Crossroads

To support the work of the Governor's Task Force on Transportation Infrastructure Investment and to prepare for the 2017 Legislative Session, 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 (e.g., State Police)
- 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., FASTLANE 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 to make a meaningful impact on infrastructure improvement. Guidelines for this new funding should include the following:

- 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
- Provide support for prioritized local and regional transportation projects while maintaining accountability (e.g., matching grant program)