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The IMPROVE Act & TN Transit
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IMPROVE Act: Transportation

Plan Details

962
Projects

IN ALL
95
Counties

All projects complete, under construction, or under contract by 2030

94% of backlog projects under construction within six years

56% of interstate projects under construction within six years

40% Increase for Local Transportation Needs

$35 M additional for cities
$70 M additional for counties
$245 M additional for state
Transit Plan Details

1. Local Option – Referendum
2. 12 counties in TN eligible
3. Limited to 6 taxes
4. Comptroller Review/Approval
5. TDOT Transit Program – Proportional increase (33% increase in state transit dollars)
Statewide Mobility Transit Grant

1. Capital in nature (Bus stops, transit stations/facilities, buses, ITS projects, dedicated transit ways, etc)
2. Statewide Transportation Network
3. Regional Connectivity (multi-county impact)
4. Economic Development goals (access to employment)
5. Balanced investments – large urban, small urban, and rural transit systems
TRANSPORTATION CAPACITY DEFICIENCY INDEX

The Transportation Capacity Deficiency Index addresses issues of congestion and pollution. Together, the combination of both indices highlight the need in both rural and urban areas to create more transit options for the citizens of Tennessee.

TRANSPORT DEPENDENCY INDEX

The Transit Dependency Index considers demographic data and is most useful to assess “safety net” transportation need. Those needing those types of transportation services include the population over 65; carless households; population living in poverty; and population under 65 with a disability. It does not address where transit need is determined by other “push” factors, such as congestion, a wish for a community to improve or maintain its “quality of life” by introducing a robust transit system, or other environmental considerations.
“Not just building the right project... but building the project right...”

2015 SSTI National Sustainability Meeting
The point of cities is multiplicity of choice.

— Jane Jacobs —
“Nothing is more dramatically apparent than the inadequacy of transportation in our larger urban areas. The solution cannot be found only in the construction of additional urban highways - vital as that job is.

Other means for mass transportation which use less space and equipment must be improved and expanded. Perhaps even more important, planning for transportation and land use must go hand in hand as two inseparable aspects of the same process."

PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY
Special Message to Congress
May 9, 1961
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