



**GROW
AMERICA**
U.S. Department of Transportation

SOUTH CAROLINA

The GROW AMERICA Act: *Answering our Infrastructure Needs*

Our nation's infrastructure has long been our economic backbone. But we've been investing in it less and less. Over the years, as federal transportation spending has gone down, congestion and maintenance backlogs have gone up.



65% of our nation's roads are rated in less than good condition

25% of our nation's bridges require significant repair or can't handle today's traffic

45% of Americans lack access to transit

And we're falling behind our competitors internationally as a result.

South Carolina: Infrastructure Snapshot

According to 2013 data, the Federal Highway Administration has determined that:

- 1,920 of the 9,275 bridges in South Carolina (20.7%) are considered **structurally deficient** or **functionally obsolete**.

According to the American Society of Civil Engineers 2013 Report Card statistics:

- Driving on roads in need of repair costs South Carolina motorists \$811 million a year in extra vehicle repairs and operating costs – **\$255 per motorist**.
- 40% of South Carolina's roads are in **poor** or **mediocre condition**.

The **GROW AMERICA Act** is a six-year transportation reauthorization proposal transmitted to Congress by the Administration that provides increased and stable funding for our Nation's highways, bridges, transit, and rail systems. The GROW AMERICA Act will allow States and local governments to effectively plan and start construction on projects that will support millions of good paying jobs over the next several years and improve our economy and global competitiveness.