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Tennessee By the Numbers

- **95,523 miles of roads**
- **1,104 miles of interstates**
- **19,740 bridges**
- **28 transit systems in 95 counties across Tennessee**
- **74 general aviation airports**
- **1,062 miles of waterways**
- **Over 3,000 miles of railroads**
- **18 short line railroads**
- **6 major railroads with 2,177 miles of rail**
- **270 miles of greenways, sidewalks and trails**

TDOT – At a Glance

- **\$1.8 Billion budget**
 - 53% - Federal
 - 45% - State
 - 2% - Local
- **How do we raise the money?**
 - 21.4 cents from the state gas tax
 - 18.4 cents from the federal gas tax
- **Activities of TDOT**



Tennessee By the Numbers

Tennessee spends the third least per person while having the second or third best system.



Why Freight & Logistics?

Tennessee leads the nation in distribution

Rail – 6 out of 7

River – 4th largest inland port

Runway – largest North American airport

Road – major thoroughfares

Commissioner wanted freight to have a voice in the state

Water is one of the focus areas

It spurs two other growth areas that are critical to Tennessee:

Tourism & Economic Development



So why is it important

Tennessee population growth expected to grow by 2 million by year 2040.

Two million more jobs by 2040

90% growth in population by 2040 (age 65+)



How do we pay for infrastructure?

Factors:

Costs have tripled in the last 20 years

Fuel efficiency vehicles and trucks

Competitive advantage in Tennessee

Infrastructure investment around Tennessee

\$11 Billion backlog

Waterways - Case Study

Blue Stream Task Force – Memphis, TN
Transportation
Environmental concerns
Economic Development



TDOT and Waterways

Current:

- Limited involvement at this point
- Occasional feasibility studies
- Occasional assistance with competitive grant applications
- Administering some grants

Future:

- Explore public private partnerships
- Allow water and rail projects to compete with road projects for funds based upon their merit
- Engage water industry for true modal diversions as traffic and freight levels continue to grow with the anticipated growth

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