

WEBSITES, TRANSPORTATION FINANCING

for Joint Legislative Transportation Vision Task Force, 2018 Interim

National Conference of State Legislatures

The National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) states it works to give state legislatures the tools, information, and resources to craft the best solutions to difficult problems. NCSL's mission is to:

- Improve the quality and effectiveness of state legislatures;
- Promote policy innovation and communication among state legislatures; and
- Ensure state legislatures a strong, cohesive voice in the federal system. (quoting from <http://www.ncsl.org/aboutus.aspx>)

NCSL Transportation-related Websites

- Transportation (main page), <http://www.ncsl.org/research/transportation.aspx>
- Transportation Funding and Finance State Bill Tracking Database. <http://www.ncsl.org/research/transportation/ncsl-transportation-funding-finance-legis-database.aspx>

Transportation Governance and Finance: A 50-State Review of State Legislatures and Departments of Transportation (November 2016)

This comprehensive report is available from NCSL [http://financingtransportation.org/pdf/50_state_review_nov16.pdf] or via <http://www.ncsl.org/bookstore/state-legislatures-magazine/deep-dive-transportation-funding.aspx> or <http://www.financingtransportation.org/>. This research, from the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO), "is intended to serve as a comprehensive, up-to-date reference tool for state governments, as well as for other interested stakeholders, about how all 50 states and the District of Columbia govern and pay for their transportation systems." This report updates a 2011 report of the same name.

Council of State Governments

The Council of State Governments (CSG) is an organization serving all three branches of state government. CSG is a region-based forum that fosters the exchange of insights and ideas to help state officials shape public policy. CSG's mission is to champion excellence in state governments to advance the common good. CSG provides transportation-related information on administration and finance, aviation, cargo and freight, environmental concerns, highways and bridges, passenger rail, public transportation, traffic safety, and transportation planning at <https://www.csg.org/transportation.aspx>.

American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials

The American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan association representing highway and transportation departments in the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. It represents all five transportation modes: air, highways, public transportation, rail, and water. Its primary goal is to foster the development, operation, and maintenance of an integrated national transportation system. Home page: <https://www.transportation.org/>.

AASHTO's Centers for Excellence include the Build America Transportation Investment Center (BATIC) Institute, to enhance "taxpayer value from transportation investment by promoting public sector capacity building in the analysis, understanding, and use of project finance techniques through a program of training, sharing of best practices, and technical assistance to all State Departments of Transportation and their local partner agencies." Its website, <http://www.financingtransportation.org/>, includes various resources on transportation financing, including webinars.

Texas A&M Transportation Institute

The Texas A&M Transportation Institute, added with the direction and support of the Texas Legislature in 2013, includes transportation finance as a focus: <https://policy.tti.tamu.edu/finance/>

T-Works Projects

KDOT provides up-to-date information about transportation projects on its Transportation Works for Kansas (T-Works) website, <http://tworks.ksdot.org/>. The "Projects" page is interactive and allows searches using criteria including county and route. KSA 2017 Supp. 68-2316, added by the 2010 T-Works bill, requires the Secretary of Transportation to spend at least \$8 million in each county by June 30, 2020, on projects authorized by the T-Works bill (the only deadline or expiration in the bill); progress is tracked via the "\$8M Promise" tab.

KDOT: <http://www.ksdot.org/>

Additional Transportation-related Websites

Federal Highway Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, Highway Funding: <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/resources/topics/funding.cfm>

Alternative Fuels Data Center, U.S. Department of Energy: <https://www.afdc.energy.gov/data/>

American Petroleum Institute State Gasoline Tax Reports: <http://www.api.org/oil-and-natural-gas/consumer-information/motor-fuel-taxes> (Note: The fuel tax rates quoted in these reports include local motor fuel taxes as well as state and federal taxes.)

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration: <https://www.nhtsa.gov/>