



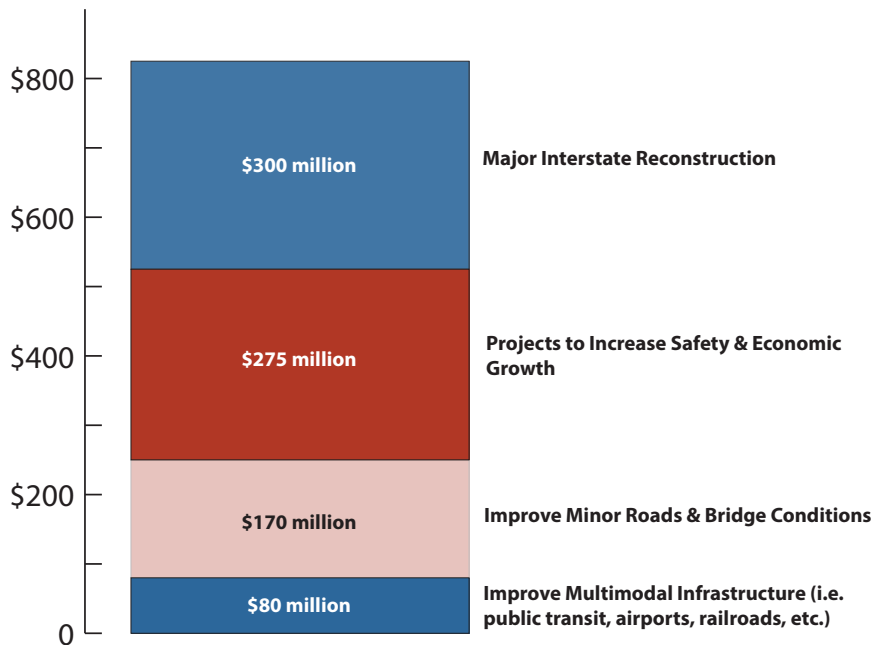
Strengthen Missouri’s Transportation Infrastructure

Despite having the seventh largest transportation infrastructure in the country – bigger than Kansas and Illinois combined – Missouri’s investment in that infrastructure is among the lowest in the nation.¹

As a result, Missouri has a number of unmet transportation funding needs, jeopardizing the state’s economic growth and the safety of Missourians.

By investing in high priority transportation projects, Missouri can create jobs, improve state economic conditions, and reduce road fatalities and serious injuries due to traffic accidents

Missouri Department of Transportation High Priority Unmet Funding Needs for FY 2018 Total \$825 Million



- 866 Missouri bridges are in poor condition and an additional 1,303 bridges that have weight-restrictions.²
- Most of Missouri’s interstates were built decades ago and were designed for much lower traffic patterns and capacity. In fact, Interstate 70 is the oldest in the nation, built 60 years ago.
- MODOT has identified \$825 million in high priority unmet funding needs for fiscal year 2018. Projects include adding capacity to I-70 to handle increased traffic, creating new interchanges, and adding lanes in congested areas.

The Bottom Line: State and/or federal investments in high priority transportation projects would create jobs, improve state economic conditions, and reduce road fatalities and serious injuries due to traffic accidents.

Notes

1. Missouri ranks 42nd in per capita highway spending
 2. "Citizens Guide to Transportation Funding in Missouri," Missouri Department of Transportation, November 2016, available at:
<http://www.modot.org/guidetotransportation/documents/CompleteGuide.pdf>
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