



Alliance Purpose

- In November 2008, \$3.9 billion and 30 transportation projects were put on hold including the reconstruction of I-15 in Utah County and the construction of the Mountain View Corridor.
- USET's 2009 priority is to support user fees to pay for vital transportation projects, such as Governor Huntsman's proposal for higher motor vehicle registration fees, a sensible fuel tax increase that grows over time, and maintaining the existing earmark of sales tax to transportation.

Economy

- Every dollar invested in the nation's highway system yields \$5.69 in economic benefits in reduced delays, improved safety and lower vehicle operating costs.
- Every \$1 billion invested by Utah in highway construction and improvements will support a total of 27,823 jobs. This includes: 9,537 on-site construction jobs; 4,324 jobs in industries that supply materials and services needed for the construction projects, including asphalt plants, quarries, cement factories; and 13,962 jobs when those employed spend their incomes.
- Every \$1 billion invested by Utah in highway construction and improvements generates a total of \$1.06 billion of income to workers. As the money works its way through the economy, the total comes to between \$2 billion and \$2.5 billion of economic activity.
- Every year, \$62 billion in goods are shipped from sites in Utah, and another \$62 billion in goods are shipped to sites in Utah, mostly by truck.

Traffic

- Utah's population is growing at a rate of three times the national average, and vehicle miles traveled are increasing at twice that rate.
- Vehicle travel on Utah's highways increased by 77 percent from 1990 to 2007.
- Thirty-two percent of Utah's major roads are in poor or mediocre condition. Forty percent of Utah's major urban highways are congested.
- Greater congestion increases transportation costs, reduces worker productivity and makes Utah a less desirable place to live and do business. It affects the ability to compete in the global economy.
- Traffic congestion costs American motorists \$78.2 billion a year in wasted time and fuel costs. Americans spend 4.2 billion hours a year stuck in traffic. By reducing travel times, the Interstate system saves each Utah resident 104 hours of travel time annually – 248 million hours statewide – and annually reduces statewide motor fuel consumption by 118 million gallons.