

# Why Organizations Should Consider a Resolution Supporting the Multi-State Future Interstate Highway Formula Program



**Take Action:** Adopt a resolution urging Congress to include a **Multi-State Future Interstate Formula Program** providing Formula Funding in the next Transportation Reauthorization bill that Congress is expected to pass by September 2026.

## Why It Matters:

- **Support Trade:** Efficiently connects ports of entry and freight hubs across North America
- **Drive Economic Growth:** Links underserved rural regions to markets and urban centers
- **Improve Safety & Resilience:** Upgrades outdated roadways to modern Interstate standards
- **National Defense:** Strengthens the Strategic Highway Network (STRAHNET)
- **Incorporate New Technologies that are Environmentally Conscious:** Smart Technologies and Multi-modal access will drive efficiencies and control the carbon footprint

The United States stands at a crossroads. As our population has doubled, our economy has expanded more than sixty-fold, and trade has surged by 14,700% since the Interstate system began in 1956, the current transportation network no longer matches modern demands. It is time to renew our national vision with a **Multi-state Future Interstate Highway Formula Program**—a dedicated funding structure to support congressionally designated Future Interstates essential to freight, trade, and rural connectivity.

**There is currently no dedicated federal funding to plan and construct Future Interstate Highways.** Congressionally authorized Multi-State Future Interstate Highways provide national benefits. The purpose of Future Interstate Highways is to expand and enhance the national transportation network by identifying and developing key corridors that will eventually meet full Interstate Highway standards, with the goal of supporting 1) National Connectivity; 2) Freight and Economic Development; (3) Cross-Border Trade and International Commerce; 4) National Defense and Emergency Preparedness; and 5) Transportation Modernization. Not a single multi-state Future Interstate has been completed in the United States.

## Formula Funding:

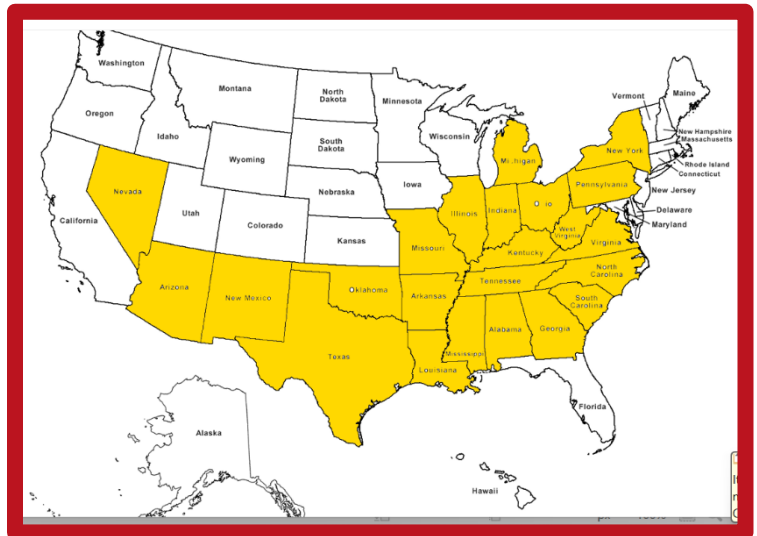
- **To be Distributed to State DOTs** based on the number of unconstructed miles of congressionally authorized multi-state Future Interstate in each state
- **To be Dedicated Funding:** Formula Funding must be used to Plan, Develop and Construct Multi-state Future Interstate Highways
- **Must Add Opportunity:** Funds in addition to each state's Highway Trust Fund Rate of Return calculation
- **Provide Flexibility for states** to determine annual priorities for corridor development

- **Guarantee a federal commitment** to completing congressionally authorized Future Interstates
- **Be aligned with AASHTO** Policies on Reauthorization

Despite the authorization of a 40,000-mile Interstate Highway System by Congress in 1944 and the initial designation of 37,700 miles in 1947, the total constructed mileage has significantly fallen short of long-term national mobility demands. Incremental additions to the Interstate Highway System brought the system to approximately 42,700 miles in the 1990s, 46,747 miles by the early 2000s, and over 48,000 miles in the 2020s. The modest mileage growth of interstate highways over the past four decades reflects the need for renewed federal commitment to expanding and modernizing the Interstate System to meet 21st-century transportation, economic, and security challenges.

**Communities, chambers, counties, cities, MPOs, and transportation coalitions across the country are uniting to call for a dedicated funding mechanism to complete these vital corridors. Let's build what's next—with the same boldness that built the Interstate System 70 years ago.**

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