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Press Release

New Mexico's Highway System Ranked 4th in the Nation

Santa Fe - New Mexico's state highway system is ranked 4th in the nation in overall highway performance and efficiency in the latest *Annual Highway Report* by Reason Foundation.

The report tracks the performance of state-owned highway systems of the United States from 1984 to 2009. Eleven indicators make up each state's overall rating, including highway expenditures, interstate and primary road pavement condition, bridge condition, urban interstate congestion, fatality rates and narrow rural lanes. [The study](#) is based on spending and performance data submitted by the state highway agencies to the federal government.

New Mexico ranks 1st in urban interstate pavement condition, 1st in rural interstate condition, 8th in deficient bridges, 9th in urban interstate congestion and 37th in fatality rate.

"Governor Martinez has tasked the NMDOT to develop more efficient use of funds. In the past three years we have returned over \$270 million to the roads through better management of finances. This includes closing projects quicker to release obligation authority, taking advantage of lower interest rate markets for debt management, and focusing on asset management strategies such as pavement preservation," said Tom Church, Cabinet Secretary.

To see the full report click here:

http://reason.org/files/20th_annual_highway_report.pdf

New Mexico	State Data			State Rank			Ratio to U.S. Data		
	2007	2008	2009	2007	2008	2009	2007	2008	2009
Capital-Bridge Disbursements per Mile	31,328	20,846	43,414	8	2	11	0.41	0.27	0.54
Maintenance Disbursements per Mile	16,522	19,524	12,539	20	22	12	0.69	0.85	0.49
Administrative Disbursements per Mile	6,053	16,252	19,328	17	34	37	0.62	1.23	1.70
Total Disbursement per Mile	67,658	65,451	91,248	12	11	14	0.51	0.45	0.63
Rural Interstate Percent Poor Condition	0.00	0.00	0.00	1	1	1	0.00	0.00	0.00
Rural Other Principal Arterial Percent Poor	0.11	0.11	0.11	13	11	11	0.17	0.21	0.17
Urban Interstate Percent Poor	0.00	0.00	0.00	1	1	1	0.00	0.00	0.00
Urban Interstate Percent Congested	19.23	18.71	19.37	9	9	9	0.38	0.38	0.42
Rural Arterial Percent Narrow Lanes	4.94	5.05	4.96	21	22	20	0.48	0.50	0.51
Percent of Deficient Bridges	18.13	16.92	15.97	10	8	8	0.72	0.70	0.68
Fatality Rate	1.54	1.39	1.39	32	32	37	1.13	1.11	1.22
Overall Performance	0.46	0.51	0.57	2	4	4			

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