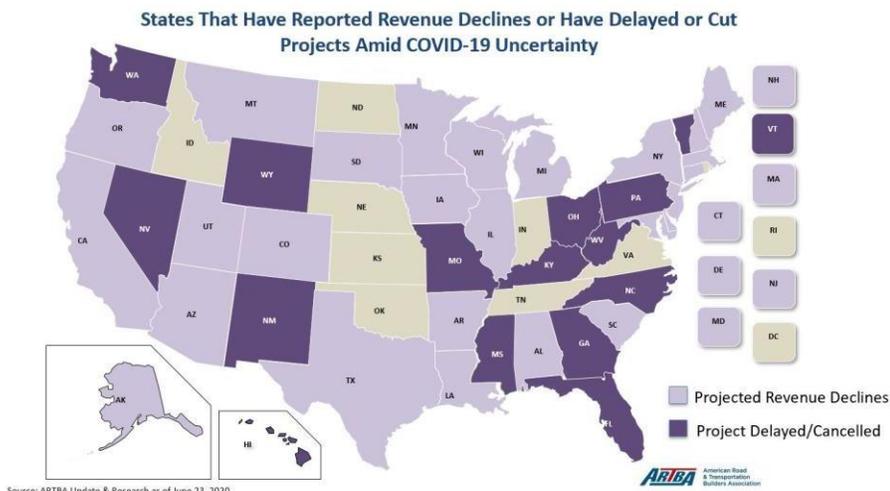


Prevent Transportation Project Delays and Construction Job Losses in Your State

Congress Must Provide \$37 billion in Federal Funding for State Departments of Transportation



The COVID-19 pandemic's economic impact on state Departments of Transportation (DOTs) is unprecedented. Over the last five months, the virus has limited daily commuting and travel and caused widespread economic shortfalls, resulting in a significant drop in fuel tax and toll receipts and creating substantial revenue shortfalls for state DOTs. According to the American Association of State and Highway Transportation Officials (AASHTO), **state DOTs are facing revenue losses totaling \$37 billion over the next five fiscal years** (through FY 2024). As a result, state DOTs

ability to carry out their core functions, including capitol construction programs, is threatened. **Some state DOTs are delaying and cancelling projects**, putting at risk construction jobs and timely realization of economic benefits those projects bring to communities across the Nation. This is even more concerning in northern states, where the construction season is limited and most of the year is not conducive to build. According to data compiled by the American Road & Transportation Builders Association (ARTBA), **at least \$9 billion of construction work on transportation projects have already been shelved**. A sampling of states experiencing project cancellations and significant revenue declines are below.

Congress Must Provide Relief to State DOTs

- Congress must provide an immediate infusion of at least **\$37 billion in federal funding to state DOTs** in order to prevent further disruptions to planned transportation projects and allow state DOT employees and transportation construction workers essential to planning and delivering these projects to remain on the job.
- The funding will also preserve the core capabilities of state DOTs that are critical to implement a robust, bipartisan surface transportation reauthorization bill, which can serve as a platform for national economic recovery and growth.
- Due to the pandemic's economic impact on state DOT revenues, **states across the country are pulling back their lettings for public works projects originally scheduled for May, June, July and August** – typically the peak of the construction season.
- This funding request for state DOTs is **separate and distinct** from other requests for local and state aid as state DOTs are looking for assistance in meeting the gap from the **loss of dedicated user fees**, while the others are seeking assistance in meeting the gap in state General Fund revenues.
 - As the current surface transportation law – the FAST Act – is set to expire on September 30, this funding will also preserve the core capabilities of state DOTs that are critical to implement a robust, bipartisan surface transportation reauthorization bill, which can serve as a platform for national economic recovery and growth.
- **At stake are tens of thousands of miles of newly paved roads, hundreds of refurbished bridges, and other vital public works projects** that are now in serious jeopardy of being suspended or cancelled altogether.

A Groundswell of Support

- This is a top priority for all sectors within the construction and transportation industry, including over 40 organizations and trade associations joining [a letter to the White House](#) and [a letter to Congressional leadership](#) requesting this action.
- There is considerable bipartisan support throughout Congress, including [a House “Dear Colleague” letter with 137 signatures](#) and [a Senate “Dear Colleague” letter with 26 signatures](#).

A Sampling of Impacted States and Projects

Below is a sampling of states that are experiencing project cancellations, delays or projected revenue declines:

Alabama

- State legislature proposing diversion of \$100 million in gas tax revenue to boost small businesses

California

- CalTrans planning for \$1.8 billion in revenue declines over 4 years

Connecticut

- Expected revenue down \$800 million over the next five years
- Greenwich, CT cut \$4.9 million in road improvement projects

Florida

- Gov. DeSantis vetoed \$37 million in transportation-related projects in the FY20-21 budget

Illinois

- Motor vehicle related revenues down by roughly \$50 million
- Mount Prospect, IL reducing spending by \$7 million, including delaying projects like bridge repair

Kentucky

- May and June lettings cancelled, totaling \$83 million in projects
- Work suspended on over 100 projects totaling \$150 million

Louisiana

- State planning for \$249 million budget shortfall over the next 15 months
- The state has listed 236 projects highway and bridge projects that could be impacted through FY2021 due to state revenue declines

Maine

- Maine forecasting \$128 million decline over next 18 months

Maryland

- Secretary of Transportation reports a Highway Trust Fund revenue decline of approximately \$550MM in FY2020

Missouri

- Estimating an awards reduction of \$2.6 billion in contractor awards, including no new awards 2021-2023

New York

- NYC capital spending budget reduced by \$489 million over next 4 years
- Repair, maintenance and inspection budget reduced by \$42 million

North Carolina

- NCDOT facing \$300 million budget shortfall
- 100 projects, valued at \$1.6 billion, will be delayed
- Greensboro MPO voted to delay \$71 million in construction projects

Texas

- Revenues are expected to be down \$527 million in FY 2020 and \$2.2 billion in FY 2021

Washington

- Port of Seattle voted to cut over \$70 million in capital projects due to expected reductions in revenue

West Virginia

- \$20 million spring paving program indefinitely postponed
- YTD revenues down \$38 million

Wyoming

- State will delay 11 projects, totaling \$437.5 million to fill budget shortfall

Questions

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