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Los Angeles (September 18, 2014) - South Carolina ranks 4<sup>th</sup> in the nation in overall highway performance and cost-effectiveness in the latest Annual Highway Report by Reason Foundation. South Carolina ranked 5<sup>th</sup> in the previous report.

South Carolina's highways rank 49<sup>th</sup> in fatality rate, 22<sup>nd</sup> in the percentage of deficient bridges, 13<sup>th</sup> in rural Interstate pavement condition, 15<sup>th</sup> in urban Interstate pavement condition and 29<sup>th</sup> in urban Interstate congestion.

On spending, South Carolina ranks 1<sup>st</sup> in total disbursements per mile and 6<sup>th</sup> in administrative disbursements per mile.

South Carolina's best rankings are total disbursements per mile (1<sup>st</sup>), capital and bridge disbursements per mile (3<sup>rd</sup>) and maintenance disbursements per mile (4<sup>th</sup>).

South Carolina's worst rankings are fatality rate (49<sup>th</sup>), urban Interstate congestion (29<sup>th</sup>) and narrow rural arterial lanes (29<sup>th</sup>).

South Carolina's state-controlled highway mileage makes it the 4<sup>th</sup> largest system in the country.

South Carolina's Complete Results

Overall Rank in 2012: 4<sup>th</sup>

Overall Rank in 2011: 5<sup>th</sup>

Overall Rank in 2009: 7<sup>th</sup>

Performance by Category in 2012

Total Disbursements per Mile

1

Capital and Bridge Disbursement per Mile

3

Maintenance Disbursements per Mile

4

Administrative Disbursements per Mile

6

Rural Interstate Pavement Condition

13

Rural Arterial Pavement Condition

10

Urban Interstate Pavement Condition

15

Urban Interstate Congestion

29

Deficient Bridges

22

Fatality Rate

49

Narrow Rural Arterial Lanes

29

Overall Performance

4

For more on your state's results, visit:

<http://reason.org/studies/show/21st-annual-highway-report-states>

The complete Annual Highway Report is here:

<http://reason.org/studies/show/21st-annual-highway-report>

Reason Foundation's Annual Highway Report is based on the most recent spending and performance data submitted by state highway agencies to the federal government.

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