

## **Funding** Study reveals S.C. will need \$2 billion more over next two decades

Despite receiving \$463 million in stimulus funds to improve roads and bridges, nearly \$2 billion more will be needed annually over the next 20 years in the state of South Carolina, according to a report released by the S.C. Alliance to Fix Our Roads.

The organization is calling on lawmakers to find additional money to improve the state's infrastructure to encourage economic development. According to the report:

- Nearly half, 48%, of the state's major urban roads are congested with travel delays. In Columbia alone, congestion is expected to double by 2030 if additional capacity is not added;
- Twenty-eight percent of South Carolina's major roads are in poor or mediocre condition, while 20%

of bridges are either structurally deficient or functionally obsolete; and

- The state's traffic fatality rate of 2.09 fatalities per 100 million vehicle-miles traveled is the fourth highest in the nation and 54% higher than the national average.

## **Awards** ARTBA recognizes Murray, McCormick

Sen. Patty Murray (D-Wash.) and Gene McCormick, a top executive with the engineering firm Parsons Brinckerhoff, are the recipients of the American Road & Transportation Builders Association's (ARTBA) highest honor: the 2008 ARTBA Award.

Murray, the public-sector recipient, was recognized for her unwavering commitment and leadership in highlighting the \$8 billion shortfall in federal Highway Trust Fund (HTF) revenues and then taking the lead

in successfully pushing legislation late last year that helped preserve the HTF's solvency for FY 2009 and ensured the investment levels called for in SAFETEA-LU. McCormick, senior vice president at Parsons Brinckerhoff, was recognized for his career body of work in both the public and private sectors.

## **Correction**

The article titled "Their 'Q' to Innovate: Extradose bridge design one of a kind on I-95 project" (ROADS & BRIDGES, June 2008) should have acknowledged the design contribution of H2L2 Architects & Planners LLC.

URS Corp. invited H2L2 to craft an innovative design that would address various limiting preconditions such as the height of the towers and also would establish a seamless and sophisticated highway expansion.

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