

# NATIONAL INTERCHANGE/INTERSECTION SAFETY CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM (NIISCP)

## PROBLEM:

As we proceed with a bipartisan consensus to invest in and expand our nation's infrastructure, we must include the connections that make our interconnected network of roads and bridges accessible and safe. America's intersections and interchanges need significant and dedicated improvements to make our roads easier to navigate, and save lives.

More than half of crashes that involve injuries occur at or near intersections, and 28 percent of fatal crashes occur there. Modern interchanges not only get traffic where it's going, but do it far more safely. A Federal Highway Administration study found a 70 percent reduction in fatalities and a 42 percent reduction in injury crashes where improved intersections are used.

Deteriorating interchanges are not only responsible for needless injuries and deaths, they cost our country in lost economic development. Recently, the American Transportation Research Institute (ATRI) calculated that congestion on our National Highway System costs the trucking industry \$63.4 billion a year, including 996 million hours in productivity losses. ATRI also puts out a list of the [worst bottlenecks](#), which you can check for your state. Moreover, this is a national issue. Improved interchanges are critical to both urban and rural areas, where they alleviate congestion and allow for the unencumbered movement of freight.

## SOLUTION:

The National Interchange/Intersection Safety Construction Program Act (NIISCP) would establish a national program which will prioritize a portion of federal highway funds for interchange and intersection development every year and allow projects to compete for those funds on a project-by-project basis. Any current or proposed interchange or intersection project on the federal highway system would be eligible to apply for this funding, and projects must be supported by local entities, such as states, cities or counties. Projects also must be selected on a competitive basis.

NIISCP dedicates \$250 million/year in existing funding to these transportation improvements, which is about .5 percent of the current federal highway program. No state shall receive more than 5% or less than 1% of the authorized funding in any one federal fiscal year.