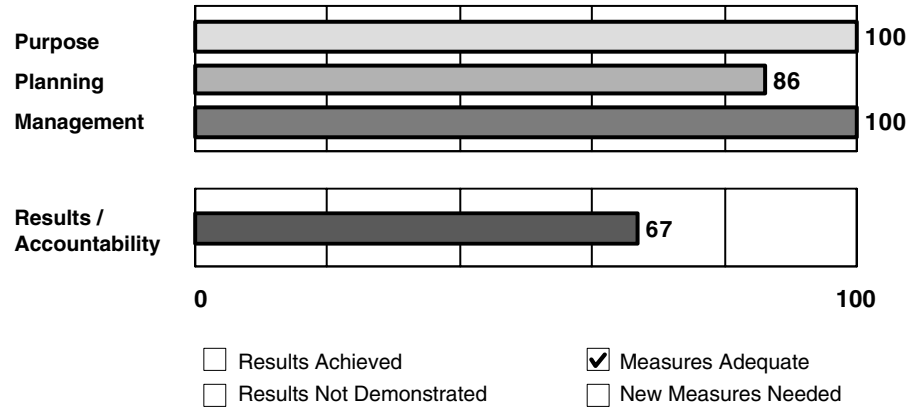


**Program: FHWA Highway Infrastructure**

**Agency:** Department of Transportation

**Bureau:** Federal Highway Administration



**Key Performance Measures**

**Year Target Actual**

Long-term Measure: Reduce the rate of highway-related crashes and their vehicle miles traveled	2000	1.5	1.5
	2001	1.5	1.5
	2002	1.4	
	2003	1.4	
Annual Measure: Slow the growth of the percent of travel under congested conditions	2000		33.1
	2001	33.4	33.6
	2002	33.7	
	2003	34.0	
Annual Measure: Increase the percent of vehicle miles traveled on highway pavements with acceptable ride quality, based on an International Roughness Index less than or equal to 170 inches per mile	2000	91.0	90.9
	2001	91.5	90.9
	2002	92.0	
	2003	92.5	

**Rating: Moderately Effective**

**Program Type:** Block / Formula Grants

**Program Summary:**

This program provides funding and technical assistance to states to construct and maintain highways. It includes the Interstate Maintenance, National Highway System, Bridge, and Surface Transportation programs.

The assessment indicates that the purpose of the federal highway infrastructure program is clear and is unique. Additional findings include:

1. The highway infrastructure program has ambitious performance goals relating primarily to safety and mobility and has made adequate progress in achieving its goals. Each year, these goals and measures have been refined.
2. Although the program has worked in recent years to clarify its management role and has expanded financial management and project oversight activities, particularly for very large projects, the program does not sufficiently encourage accountability from its State partners.
3. While independent evaluations of the program are conducted, the program does not have regularly-scheduled, independent evaluations that provide comprehensive assessments of program results in relation to specific performance measures.

In response to these findings, the Administration will:

1. Propose budget and legislative changes to this program through the reauthorization of surface transportation legislation in 2004 that will allow FHWA to more effectively and efficiently meet its performance goals.
2. Prepare a draft plan by April 2003 of how the program will provide improved program and project oversight of States.
3. Recommend that resources be directed to more comprehensive evaluation activities, particularly on the State project level.

(For more information on this program, please see the Department of Transportation chapter in the Budget volume.)

(Amounts shown represent the entire Federal-aid Highway program.)

**Program Funding Level (in millions of dollars)**

<u>2002 Actual</u>	<u>2003 Estimate</u>	<u>2004 Estimate</u>
31,799	27,574	29,294