# The High Cost of Underinvestment

Assessing the State of Infrastructure in Southern California

Research support provided by the Blue Sky Consulting Group



#### **The Promise of Infrastructure Investments**

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**Data-Driven Findings:** Our report delivers a comprehensive snapshot supported by real data and findings – tangible evidence.

**Quantifiable Insights**: Findings illustrated by graphs and explained throughout our report quantify the magnitude of infrastructure issues facing our region.



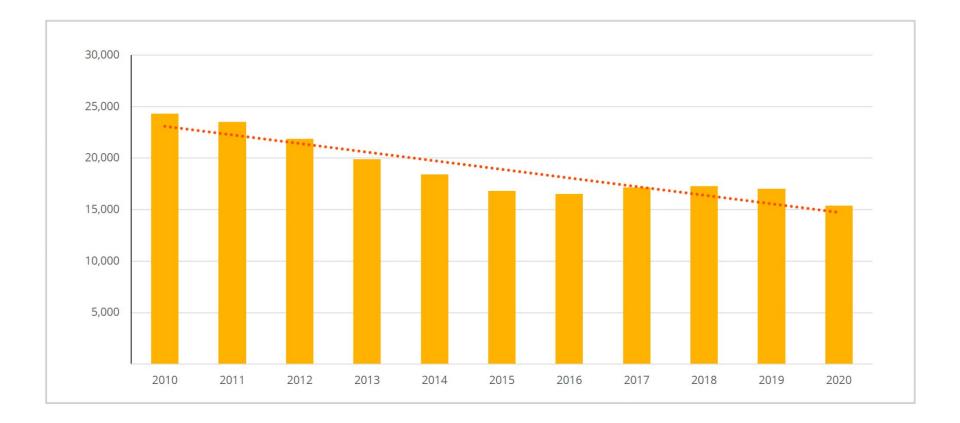


### The Promise of Infrastructure Investments

- Infrastructure investment creates jobs for working families.
- Infrastructure is an essential component of equitable climate change mitigation practices.
- Infrastructure investment forms the foundation of a strong, a economy.

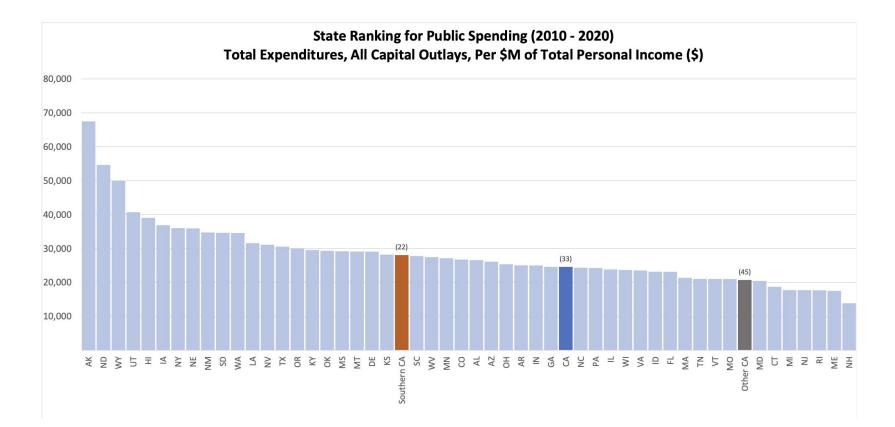


Overall infrastructure investment in the Southern California region has declined by 37% over the past decade



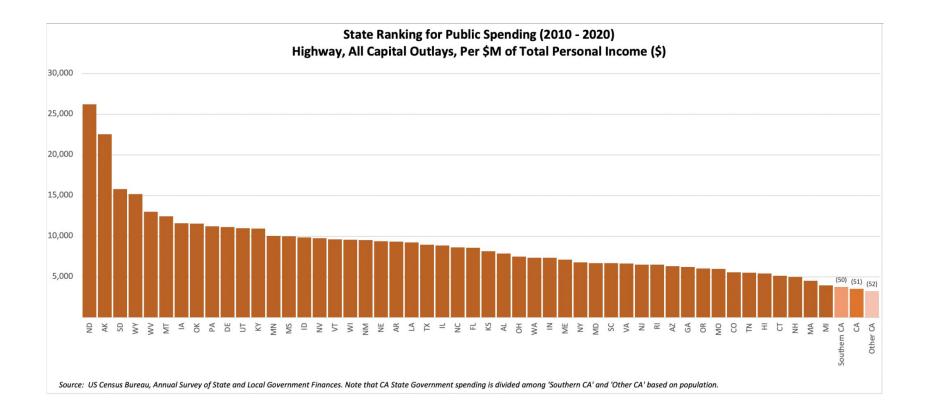


### If Southern California were a state, it would rank 22nd in infrastructure investment



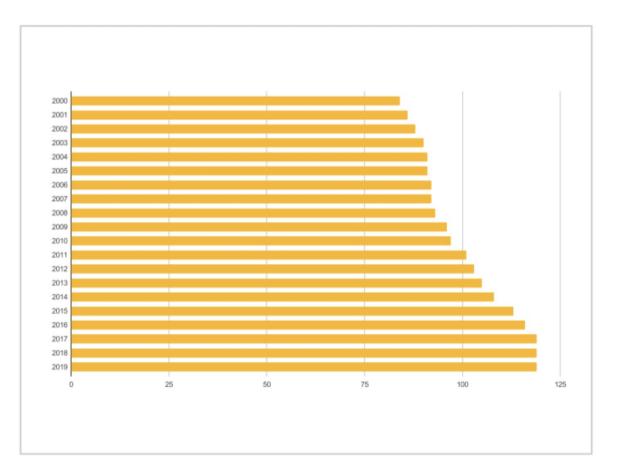


## If Southern California were a state, it would rank last in highway investments



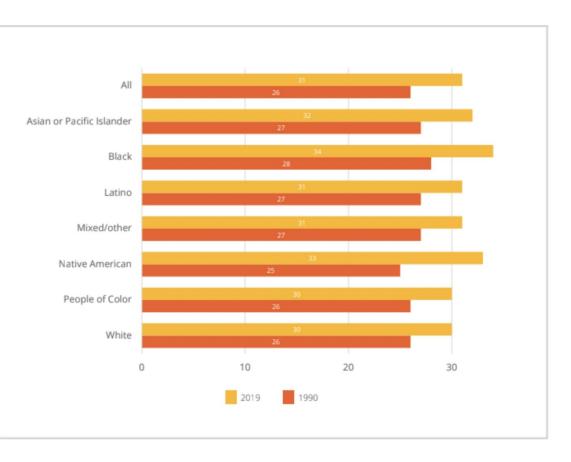


#### Commuters Face **40 Additional Delay Hours** Annually



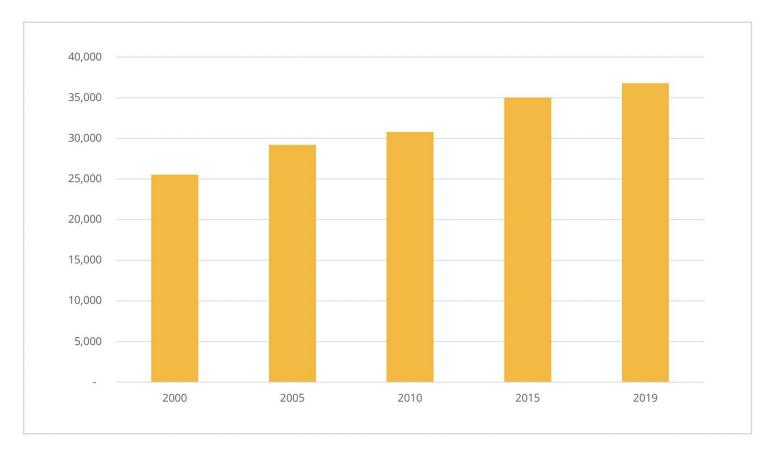


#### Commute Times Have Increased Since 1990, Especially for Non-White Commuters





Los Angeles Ranked First in the Nation in Terms of Delay Hours for Truck Drivers, With Delays Increasing Steadily Over the Past Two Decades

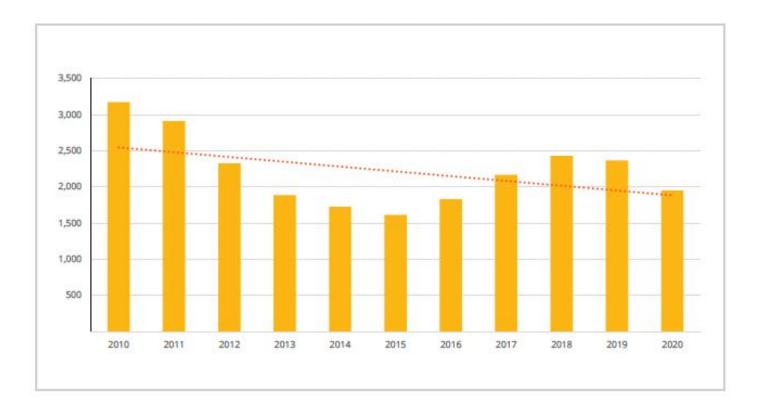




### Future infrastructure and investment needs for the region's ports are estimated at **\$5.7 billion over 10 years**.

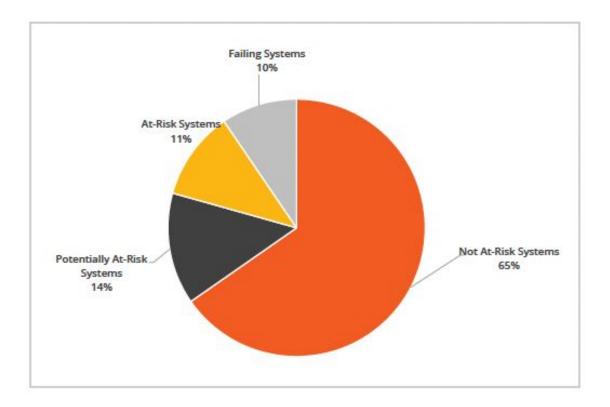


Expenditures on drinking water infrastructure vary from year to year, but have declined overall by 38% since 2010



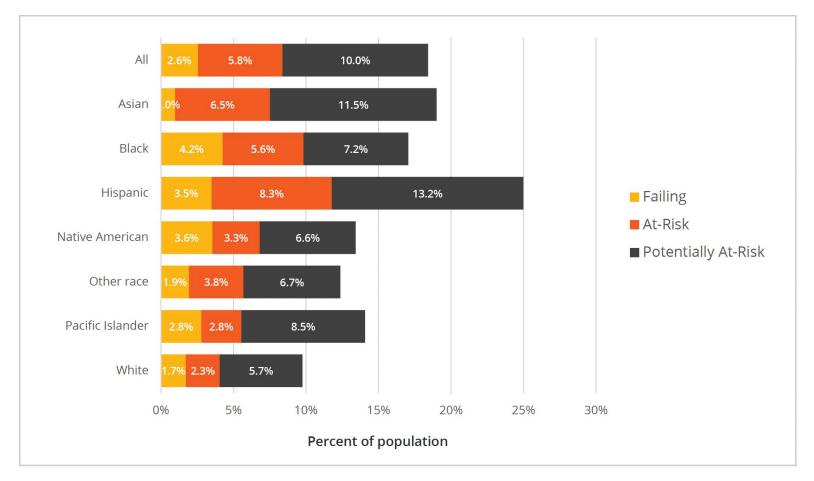


Systems Serving Roughly **1.4 Million Residents are Failing or at Risk of Failing** to Provide Safe, Reliable Drinking Water





#### Black + Hispanic Americans Make Up A Larger Percentage of People With at Failing or At Risk Systems





Recycled water is integral in statewide conservation goals, offsetting demand and strengthening water resilience.





#### **Equitable Infrastructure Investment:**

- 1. Boost Infrastructure Spending
- 2. Prioritize Disadvantaged Communities
- 3. Create Multimodal Transportation Networks
- 4. Enhance Water Security and Infrastructure
- 5. Invest in Workers
- 6. Utilize Data and Technology
- 7. Monitor and Measure Progress

