

Building Our Future



OUR INFRASTRUCTURE

America's infrastructure directly affects our economic and social well-being. Every day we rely upon our roads, bridges, transit, rail, water, waste, and other infrastructure to survive and thrive. Despite our dependence on it, we have permitted our infrastructure to be stretched beyond its capacity. It has fallen into disrepair because of underfunding and inefficient spending.

America must insist upon a surface transportation system sufficient to sustain strong economic growth, which by some estimates will require \$225 billion annually. We spend less than 40 percent of this amount today.

We must insist upon making the most of each dollar spent on infrastructure through the use of innovative equipment that excels in productivity, uptime, and low daily operating cost, as well as the standards required to build an environmentally sound 21st-century infrastructure.

We must insist upon action now. Our infrastructure requires it, our economy needs it, and we all stand to gain.



Efficiently building tomorrow's infrastructure will require new machine forms. For example: The 764 High-Speed Dozer (HSD).

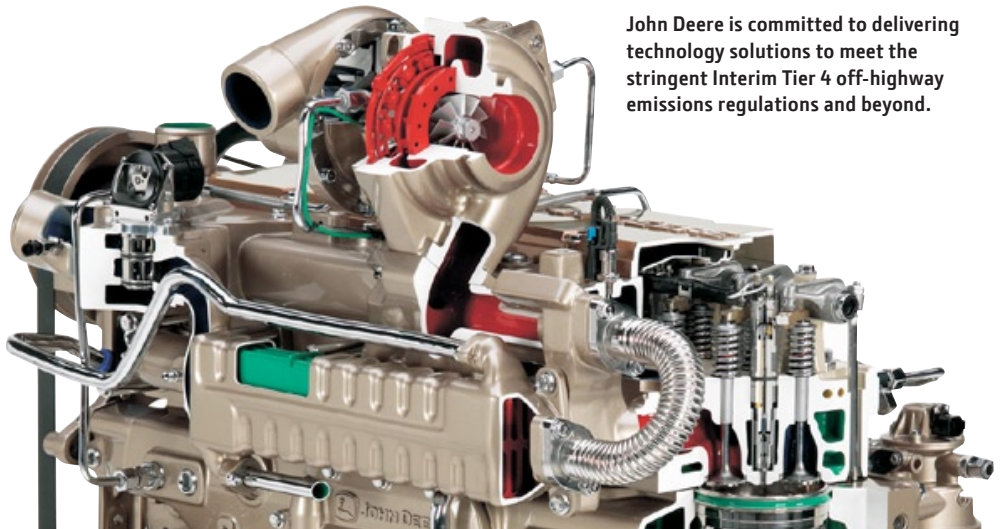


JOHN DEERE DELIVERS

John Deere delivers the innovative equipment needed to build the infrastructure of our future. For instance, the new John Deere 764 High-Speed Dozer combines the flotation of a crawler, agility of a loader, and finishing ability of a motor grader. With a top speed of 18 miles per hour, operators can perform grading and moderate dozing at about double the speed of a similar sized crawler. It is through innovations like this that John Deere will deliver the products needed to build our infrastructure effectively, quickly, and economically.

We're Ready...Help Us Get Started

John Deere delivers emissions solutions that will be required in building our infrastructure. To its already proven technology — the PowerTech™ Plus engine with exhaust gas recirculation and variable geometry turbocharger — John Deere will add a diesel oxidation catalyst and diesel particulate filter to meet Interim Tier 4 with the least cost to its customers. John Deere is also working with its customers, dealers, and emissions solutions suppliers to develop solutions for equipment already in the field. These solutions will make John Deere the equipment of choice in infrastructure projects, and will make our customers the first selected for the task.



John Deere is committed to delivering technology solutions to meet the stringent Interim Tier 4 off-highway emissions regulations and beyond.



In addition to the recognized need to improve America's infrastructure and the existence of cutting-edge tools to do the job, we must have public policies to make the infrastructure of our future a reality.

John Deere urges public officials at all levels to support the following policies:

- Infrastructure programs such as the Highway and Transit Bill must be adequately funded to maintain and expand the infrastructure upon which America's economic and social well-being depends.
- Infrastructure programs must be based on a sustainable, equitable, and innovative funding model — one supported by predictable revenue derived from system use as well as private investment.
- Infrastructure programs must award funding based on transparent performance standards linked to a national infrastructure vision to ensure maximum effectiveness.
- Infrastructure programs must incentivize innovative and environmentally sensitive technologies used in infrastructure construction.
- Infrastructure programs must exist for, and adequately address, all forms of infrastructure — roads, bridges, transit, rail, waterways, water, waste, and beyond.
- Infrastructure programs must properly allocate funding to rural areas in order to create a seamless network capable of moving people and goods safely and effectively across America.
- Infrastructure programs must be funded now — funding will not only strengthen our infrastructure, but also strengthen our economy by protecting or creating the tens of thousands of jobs needed to accomplish this critical national effort.