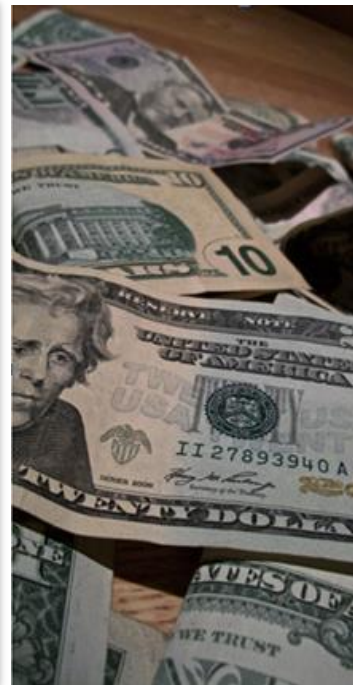


The Interstate Highway System turns 60:

Challenges to Its Ability to Continue to Save Lives, Time and Money

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- Three percent of the nation's Interstate bridges are rated structurally deficient and 18 percent are rated functionally obsolete.
- A bridge is structurally deficient if there is significant deterioration of the bridge deck, supports or other major components. Bridges that are functionally obsolete no longer meet modern highway design standards, often because of narrow lanes, inadequate clearances or poor alignment.
- The ten states with the greatest share of Interstate bridges that are structurally deficient are: Rhode Island, West Virginia, Wyoming, New York, Connecticut, Michigan, Illinois, Colorado, Massachusetts and Maine. Data for all states can be found in the [Appendix](#).

State	Interstate Bridges Structurally Deficient
Rhode Island	15%
West Virginia	9%
Wyoming	9%
New York	8%
Connecticut	7%
Michigan	7%
Illinois	7%
Colorado	6%
Massachusetts	6%
Maine	5%

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- 5% of the bridges on Maine's interstate highways are structurally deficient—28% are functionally obsolete per [TRIP analysis](#) of U.S.DOT data.
- 33% of the bridges on Maine's interstate highways are either structurally deficient or functionally obsolete and need to be addressed immediately.
- Maine ranks tenth in the nation of states with the greatest share of interstate highway bridges that are structurally deficient.
- Maine has 2% more structurally deficient bridges than the national average of 3% and 5% more functionally obsolete bridges than the national average of 18%.

We can't afford to maintain existing infrastructure, yet the MDOT is moving forward with a \$61 million boondoggle that does not meet the original study purpose and needs—satisfying only 20% of purpose and needs in April 2009. A majority of citizens and civic leaders within the impacted communities are vehemently against this project and have been left out of the “Public Involvement throughout the process” that the [ROD](#) now uses as a talking point.