

Aging Infrastructure

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<http://bangordailynews.com/2014/02/28/news/nation/us-agency-warns-of-urgent-need-for-spending-on-roads-bridges/>

<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/pressroom/dot1412.cfm>

<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/policy/2013cpr/>

<http://www.cbsnews.com/news/dot-to-release-400-page-report-on-nations-aging-infrastructure-as-bridges-roads-rail-systems-crumble/>

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DOT to release 400-page report on nation's aging infrastructure as bridges, roads, rail systems crumble

As the nation's aging infrastructure starts to break down, federal funding is falling behind. Secretary of Transportation Anthony Foxx said, "It's a termite in the basement problem. It's literally years and years of slow, steady deterioration in our infrastructure and poor maintenance."

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"It's not gonna happen just because Washington divines it," Foxx said. "It's gonna happen because the people of America demand that we have a 21st-century transportation system."

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2013 REPORT CARD FOR AMERICA'S INFRASTRUCTURE **ASCE**

<http://www.infrastructurereportcard.org/a/#p/state-facts/maine:>

Roads



- Driving on roads in need of repair costs Maine motorists \$246 million a year in extra vehicle repairs and operating costs – \$245 per motorist.
- 53% of Maine's major roads are in poor or mediocre condition.

Bridges

- 356 of the 2,408 bridges in Maine (14.8%) are considered **structurally deficient** .
- 436 of the 2,408 bridges in Maine (18.1%) are considered **functionally obsolete** .

2012 Maine ASCE Infrastructure Report Card

<http://www.maineasce.org/2012ReportCard.htm>

Infrastructure Area	2008	Trend*	2012	2012 Report Card on Maine's Infrastructure Overview:
Roads	D		D	Thirty-eight percent of Maine's major roads have only fair to unacceptable conditions. Due to poor conditions, Maine motorists spend an average of \$299 per year in extra vehicle operating costs. Maine is the highest of all New England states in miles of highway under state jurisdiction and the lowest for funding per mile. MaineDOT will not meet legislative goals for roads and bridges unless a \$150 million per year gap in funding is resolved.
Bridges	D+		C-	28% of Maine's bridges are deficient which is slightly worse than the national average of 24%. Recent bridge funding initiatives facilitated a 6% reduction in the number of deficient Maine bridges since 2008. However, the expiration of those initiatives coupled with reduced funding threatens to erode this progress. Continuing to improve the condition of Maine bridges to meet recently adopted performance goals will require increasing MaineDOT bridge funding to \$106 million annually.

Not one cent should be spent on any new project until our infrastructure is brought back up to an acceptable level. How about a solid B?

How about this for legislation? The people of the State of Maine demand an immediate moratorium on new highway construction and activities, to reallocate critical State and Federal transportation dollars to the repair and replacement of deficient roads and bridges in this State. The moratorium remains in effect until such time as the condition of the roads and bridges in the State of Maine is upgraded to a B rating, as determined by an independent panel of Transportation Experts, community leaders and private citizens.

I can still dream...Larry Adams