

## MacGyver road repair

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Our limited transportation dollars should not be spent on the I-395/Route 9 Connector (or any other new project) while we travel everyday on the 33% of Maine bridges that are functionally obsolete or structurally deficient and the 53% of Maine roads that are rated as mediocre to poor. As was the case in August 2011 with a similar project, adding more miles to our transportation system without adequately maintaining our existing infrastructure disregards fiscal accountability and responsibility, especially when Purpose and Needs of the project are not satisfied by the those additional miles. Sorry, I could not resist this picture...



<http://imgur.com/gallery/f88d2>



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### MaineDOT Commissioner Ends Plans To Build Bypass Around Wiscasset

“Adding more miles to our transportation system in this current fiscal environment doesn’t make financial sense,” said Bernhardt, “Our responsibility going forward is to manage our existing infrastructure within our existing budget.”

With current funding levels stable at best, MaineDOT concluded that the expenditure of funds on new infrastructure was not justifiable.

“We are struggling to maintain the roads and bridges we currently have in safe and serviceable condition.”

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