

## Another tale of falling concrete...

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### *'A couple of chunks had fallen off': Safety check reveals need to repair bridge between Brunswick and Topsham*

<http://bangordailynews.com/2014/06/18/news/midcoast/a-couple-of-chunks-had-fallen-off-safety-check-reveals-need-to-repair-bridge-between-brunswick-and-topsham/>

This is the second tale of falling concrete in the Bangor Daily News over the last 18 days and we are led to believe that all is ok. <http://bangordailynews.com/2014/06/09/news/bangor/mdot-doing-bridge-work-after-concrete-chunks-fall-from-bangor-overpass-damage-vehicles/?ref=regionban>

Where's the money coming for to fund this repair? The MaineDOT readily acknowledges a \$100 million/year shortfall each year of their current 2014/2015/2016 Work Plan.

Our roads and bridges are crumbling as reported by the ASCE:

<http://www.infrastructurereportcard.org/maine/maine-overview/>

- Driving on roads in need of repair costs Maine motorists \$246 million a year in extra vehicle repairs and operating costs – \$245 per motorist.
- 792 bridges (32.9%) of the state's total 2,408 bridges are in need of repair or replacement; 356 bridges (14.8%) are structurally deficient and 436 bridges (18.1%) are functionally obsolete.
- 53% of our roads are rated poor to mediocre.

Why is the I-395/Route 9 Transportation Study still active when our bridges are now shedding concrete? Wouldn't that \$61 million be better spent on the unmet transportation needs of the state of Maine?