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Survey Highlights Pennsylvania's Aging and Collapsed Infrastructure – CBS Pittsburgh

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Pittsburgh (KDKA) — [New research highlights](#) Pennsylvania's aging and collapsing infrastructure.

According to a national survey, the state has some of the worst highways and bridges in the country.

The survey was conducted by TRIP, a national traffic survey non-profit organization. According to TRIP, traffic is increasing, but highway conditions are deteriorating.

In Pennsylvania, a study found that 5% of interstate highways were in poor condition and were suitable for the 11th worst mark in the country. Another category was structurally flawed interstate bridges. Pennsylvania was the 12th worst 4% in the country.

"Infrastructure is not a one-off project, it requires reinvestment and ongoing investment," said Jason Wagner, Managing Director of the Pennsylvania Highway Information Association.

Wagner said funding for the highway is declining and suggests that the state should start rebuilding it with petrol tax money. Part of the funding is currently helping to fund state police.

"We never endorse or suggest that they cut budgets. We fund state police from a general fund or another dedicated fund for state police. I'm proposing that," Wagner said from the Harrisburg office.

According to Wagner, it releases about \$ 750 million annually and could help replace some of the interstate highways. According to a TRIP survey, about 60% of Pennsylvania bridges are at least 50 years old.

"Freight traffic and light truck deliveries are increasing, damaging our infrastructure networks," Wagner said.

Our highways also need to be overhauled. In fact, Wagner said that Interstate 70 in our area needs major upgrades and repairs.

Wagner feels that repairs need to be done early, not later. Otherwise, the upgrade will be more expensive. KDKA has contacted PennDOT to see how they are addressing these issues and is waiting for a response.

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