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## Your Daily Briefing: Pa.'s highways need help

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### Report: Pa. interstates need serious attention

The condition of Pennsylvania's interstate highways isn't as bad as some states, but when old roads and bridges are combined with the state's transportation funding crisis, there is a major problem.

The ongoing legacy of late President Dwight D. Eisenhower's interstate highway system reached its 65th anniversary Tuesday, and a study released by TRIP, a national transportation research nonprofit, reveals the system is showing its age. The 38-page report released Tuesday called "America's Interstate Highway System at 65: Meeting America's Transportation Needs with a Reliable, Safe & Well-Maintained National Highway Network" calls for increasing spending from \$23 billion annually to \$57 billion for the next 20 years to improve existing conditions and expand the capacity of the highway system.

Overall, the physical condition of Pennsylvania's interstates doesn't grade very well. For example, 60% of the state's interstate bridges are more than 50 years old, compared to 54% across the country, 4% are in poor condition (3% nationally) and 68% in fair condition (57%). The condition of the road surface is considered poor on 5% of the state's interstates, compared to 3% nationally.

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