Road Conditions in Metro Areas

- Good: 37%
- Fair: 40%
- Mediocre: 14%
- Poor: 9%
SO OUR ROADS AND BRIDGES ARE 10TH WORST IN THE NATION. THAT'S NOT SO BAD.
Highway Bridges More than 50 yrs old

[Bar chart showing the number of bridges from 1960 to 2050 with a comparison between actual and projected numbers.]
Will 23 lanes be enough?

Proposal would put I-75 among country’s biggest

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It’s wider than an aircraft carrier. Far wider than the carving on Stone Mountain. Wider than the White House stretched end to end, twice.

It’s the planned I-75, all 23 lanes, coming soon to Cobb County. As currently conceived it’s 388 feet across, wider than a football field is long.

23 LANES: The state Department of Transportation is planning to expand I-75 (below) and I-575 in Cobb and Cherokee counties. The 23-lane stretch would be between Delk and Windy Hill roads on I-75.

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Traffic heads north on I-75, just north of I-285, on Thursday. A proposal for the interstate is enough to make a road builder weep with joy, and make others wonder whether it’s overkill.
Cost of Current System for Users

**TRANSPORT RICH NEIGHBORHOOD**
- 59% Housing
- 9% Transportation
- 32% Other Expenses

**AVERAGE AMERICAN FAMILY**
- 32% Housing
- 11% Insurance
- 13% Food
- 4% Apparel
- 5% Entertainment
- 9% Other
- 19% Transportation

**AUTO DEPENDENT EXURBS**
- 32% Housing
- 43% Other Expenses
- 25% Transportation

While the average family spends 19 percent of the household budget on transportation, and households in auto-dependent neighborhoods spend 25 percent, households with good access to transit spend just 9 percent. This savings can be critical for low-income households.

Source: Center for TOD – Transportation Affordability Index, 2004 Bureau of Labor Statistics

Transportation For America
Despite increased investment, congestion has increased significantly.

(Funding figures in billions, represent average annual funding and are adjusted for inflation)
The Money Problem

[Bar chart showing SAFETEA, STAA, and Revenue categories]
→ State of Good Repair
→ Economic Competitiveness
→ Livability
→ Environmental Sustainability
→ Safety
→ Benefit-Cost Analysis
Citizens Want More Options and Accountability

Preference to Reduce Traffic Congestion

Future of Transportation National Survey

- 59%: We need to improve public transportation, including trains and buses, to make it easier to walk and bike to reduce traffic congestion.
- 38%: We need to build more roads and expand existing roads to help reduce traffic congestion.

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→ Competitive
→ Comprehensive selection criteria
→ Mode Neutral
→ Local control
→ Higher local share
→ Transparency
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