



## Status quo is a recipe for more trouble on Pennsylvania's roads: PennLive letters

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John Micek's column in the Patriot-News, "[Corbett sweats road funding as bill drags,](#)" is right on target.

Transportation Secretary Barry Schoch has a very clear and concise plan to address our infrastructure needs for the immediate and foreseeable future. The recently released TRIP report confirms our fears that inactions are making the Commonwealth less attractive for business and more challenging to maintain the safety of our traveling public.

In 2005, a 125-ton bridge over I-70 collapsed in Washington, PA. In 2008, a two-mile stretch of I-95 through downtown Philadelphia was closed due to a cracked column supporting the center portion of the expressway. Also in 2008, the Birmingham Bridge in downtown Pittsburgh was closed when the deck dropped several inches. Just last month a section of I-81 was closed due to an oil tanker fire that quickly rendered a flyover ramp useless. Thankfully, no one was fatally injured in any of these incidents. However, our economy, our ability to get to work and adequately offer emergency medical services were greatly hindered.

We take our infrastructure for granted thinking that it will always be there for us. It will, if — and only if — it is properly maintained.

Our group commends Gov. Corbett for speaking out and legislative leaders like Sen. John Rafferty for introducing funding legislation. People say that talk is cheap. We have been "talking" about improving our infrastructure for years, and it is costing the Commonwealth a great deal more. Let's get this done.

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