



INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS

10% OF ALL BRIDGES ACROSS THE UNITED STATES ARE DEEMED "STRUCTURALLY DEFICIENT" BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.

(Boston Globe)

MASSACHUSETTS HAS THE OLDEST BRIDGES IN THE COUNTRY AT AN AVERAGE AGE OF 58 YEARS OLD. THE NATIONAL AVERAGE IS 43 YEARS OLD.

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WHAT IS IT?

State and Federal investments in repairing existing and building new roads, bridges, water systems, transportation, and other forms of public infrastructure.

WHO HAS IT?

Over the past 30 years, public investment in improving or maintaining infrastructure has consistently decreased. States are replacing these direct investments with tax-cuts and corporate subsidies to hopefully "spur" economic growth. This decrease in funding is happening all over the country. *(Center on Budget and Policy Priorities)*

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

New and updated infrastructure powers our economy and catalyzes economic and rapid productivity growth. *(Economic Policy Institute)* Public Investments in infrastructure create thousands of good-paying jobs *(Center on Budget and Policy)* Recently the Flint, Michigan water system breakdown and lead contamination caused a disaster for residents of that city and created a public health crises. Well-maintained infrastructure is essential to public safety and health.

TAKE ACTION:

1. Visit www.fairshot.com and **join our movement** by connecting with our **social media**, attending our events, and volunteering in your community.
2. Spread the word about Infrastructure Investments to your friends and coworkers. Ask politicians and businesses to make it a priority and adopt a policy.
3. **Hold meetings** with community members to discuss the issue and take action.
4. Use your social media to **share your story** and advocate for Retirement Plans. Write an op-ed for your local paper or for a blog.