

Traffic report for the future troubling in Pennsylvania, engineers group says  
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Pennsylvania's roads are worse now than four years ago despite the more than \$600 million in federal stimulus dollars provided for projects, according to a new report released by the American Society of Civil Engineers on Monday.

State transit has also declined over that period, ASCE reported in the 2010 Report Card for Pennsylvania's Infrastructure, which said long-term funding solutions are needed for public transportation and roads.

Pennsylvania's roads and transit were both rated a D minus, down from grades of D and D plus, respectively, when graded by ASCE in 2006.

Statistics show 38 percent of the state's roads as rated fair or poor. The one-time infusion of American Recovery and Reinvestment funding does not even cover the amount required to maintain the state's roads adequately for a single year, ASCE stated in the report. Fare increases, reduced mobility and congestion are all in the future for transit riders, unless the state finds a long-term solution to the transportation funding crisis caused by the federal denial to toll Interstate 80, the report stated.

The state's bridges maintained a grade of C, the same as in 2006. Of the state's 22,280 bridges, 27 percent are considered deficient and 17 percent are deemed functionally obsolete, the reported stated. Rail received a grade of B, the same as in 2006.

The report also rates dams and levees, drinking water, navigable waterways, parks and recreation, schools, solid waste, stormwater, and wastewater.