The Nation’s Infrastructure Needs Improvement

American Society of Civil Engineers gave U.S. public infrastructure a D+ or “poor” rating in its most recent report. The engineers estimated the cost of bringing America’s infrastructure to a state of good repair (a grade of B) by 2020 at $3.6 trillion, of which only 55 percent has been committed. State and local governments, the stewards of most of the country’s public capital, should address these needs.

- **Roads**: Funding gap - 50% ($846 billion)
- **Electricity**: Funding gap - 15% ($107 billion)
- **Schools**: Funding gap - 69% ($271 billion)
- **Parks & Rec**: Funding gap - 44% ($104 billion)
- **Airports**: Funding gap - 29% ($39 billion)
- **Dams/Levees**: Funding gap - 79% ($103 billion)
- **Water/Sewer**: Funding gap - 67% ($84 billion)
- **Rail**: Funding gap - 11% ($11 billion)
- **Waste**: Funding gap - 82% ($46 billion)

Source: American Society of Civil Engineers 2013 Report Card for American Infrastructure and Failure to Act series, published 2011-2013