

# AMERICA'S BRIDGE CRISIS CALLS FOR AMERICAN CEMENT

## AMERICA IS FACING A SAFETY CRISIS OF EPIC PROPORTIONS

As Congress advances critical surface transportation funding, unsafe and structurally deficient bridges pose urgent safety and economic risks nationwide. To ensure we can repair these bridges and meet growing construction demands from other sectors, we must have adequate supplies of reliable American cement.

### THE SCALE

**1-IN-3**

U.S. bridges requires repair  
or total replacement

**OVER 41,000**

bridges nationwide are classified in “poor  
condition” and deemed structurally deficient

**\$400+ BILLION**

in estimated repair costs

**NEARLY 20 MILLION**

square meters of bridge deck area  
is currently deteriorating



### CEMENT NEEDED

Based on industry-standard repair scenarios, America's bridges require as much as **3.52 million metric tons of cement**. This volume is equivalent to 82.6 million standard 94-lb bags of cement. This is an urgent need that impacts travelers across every state.

State / Territory	Poor-Condition Bridges (#)	Poor-Condition Deck Area (sq m)	Cement – Blended/PCA (MT)
Alabama	545	210,209	37,207.0
Alaska	124	53,922	9,544.2
Arizona	95	60,207	10,656.6
Arkansas	695	401,445	71,055.8
California	1,284	1,712,552	303,121.7
Colorado	417	196,213	34,729.7
Connecticut	209	217,801	38,550.8
Delaware	10	33,190	5,874.6
District of Columbia	5	33,115	5,861.4
Florida	360	249,695	44,196.0
Georgia	263	108,298	19,168.7
Hawaii	67	37,901	6,708.5
Idaho	250	69,356	12,276.0
Illinois	2,563	1,539,533	272,497.3
Indiana	1,043	321,474	56,900.9
Iowa	4,423	901,485	159,562.8
Kansas	1,301	296,671	52,510.8
Kentucky	1,088	418,998	74,162.6
Louisiana	1,423	1,036,320	183,428.6
Maine	392	125,355	22,187.8
Maryland	240	186,518	33,013.7
Massachusetts	501	475,429	84,150.9
Michigan	1,250	467,775	82,796.2
Minnesota	609	331,687	58,708.6
Mississippi	967	317,422	56,183.7
Missouri	2,163	862,628	152,685.2
Montana	388	128,084	22,670.9
Nebraska	1,155	214,935	38,043.5
Nevada	22	17,539	3,104.4
New Hampshire	192	65,186	11,537.9
New Jersey	392	450,710	79,775.7
New Mexico	172	71,634	12,679.2
New York	1,741	1,647,703	291,643.4
North Carolina	1,382	626,819	110,947.0
North Dakota	470	65,622	11,615.1
Ohio	1,266	535,061	94,705.8
Oklahoma	1,719	333,174	58,971.8
Oregon	422	174,460	30,879.4
Pennsylvania	2,813	895,024	158,419.2
Rhode Island	110	88,813	15,719.9
South Carolina	602	410,657	72,686.3
South Dakota	945	158,041	27,973.3
Tennessee	887	505,202	89,420.8
Texas	680	611,425	108,222.2
Utah	109	49,469	8,756.0
Vermont	114	43,624	7,721.4
Virginia	485	316,984	56,106.2
Washington	473	600,182	106,232.2
West Virginia	1,307	503,600	89,137.2
Wisconsin	976	315,543	55,851.1
Wyoming	224	111,454	19,727.4
Puerto Rico	344	275,012	48,677.1
U.S. Virgin Islands	8	631	111.7
<b>TOTAL (All States, DC &amp; Territories)</b>	<b>41,685</b>	<b>19,881,787</b>	<b>3,519,076</b>



## **BUILD AMERICA, BUY AMERICA**

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**While the iron and steel used in American bridges fall under Build America, Buy America preferences, the cement that forms the critical foundations and supports does not.**

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As we approach the nation's 250th anniversary, Congress and President Trump can secure a new Golden Age of American infrastructure by extending these purchasing preferences to all essential materials.

This year's Surface Transportation Reauthorization bill presents the perfect opportunity to codify this change.

## **FOREIGN IMPORTS**

While U.S. Trade Representative Jamieson Greer conducts Section 301 investigations into foreign overcapacity and unfair trade practices, we must ensure that the materials supporting our roads and bridges are safe, certified, and American-made.

We cannot entrust the repair and replacement of America's bridges to foreign, potentially subpar product. To maintain national security and structural integrity, we must build using U.S. cement.