

Local Bridge Program – 2026 Bridge Week



Local Bridge Program

- Presentation Topics
- Neighborhood Roads Fund (NRF)
- Local Bridge Condition – Present and Future
- FY 28 Call for Projects
- FY 29 Call for Projects – LBP and NRF
- PM Bridge Construction Issues
- Successful Local Project



Neighborhood Roads Fund (NRF)

Senate Bill 578 (H-1)

Senate Bill 578 (H-1) would create the NRF. House Bill 4961 (H-1), which is not tie-barred to the bill, would transfer up to \$688.0 million from the CIT to the NRF in FY 2025-26. The earmark would increase by \$88.0 million per year through FY 2029-30, when the earmark would total \$1.04 billion. The earmark would remain at \$1.04 billion in later fiscal years. House Bill 4951 (H-1) would also earmark revenue to the NRF.

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- \$65.0 million to the Infrastructure Projects Authority Fund.
- \$35.0 million to the Comprehensive Transportation Fund (CTF).
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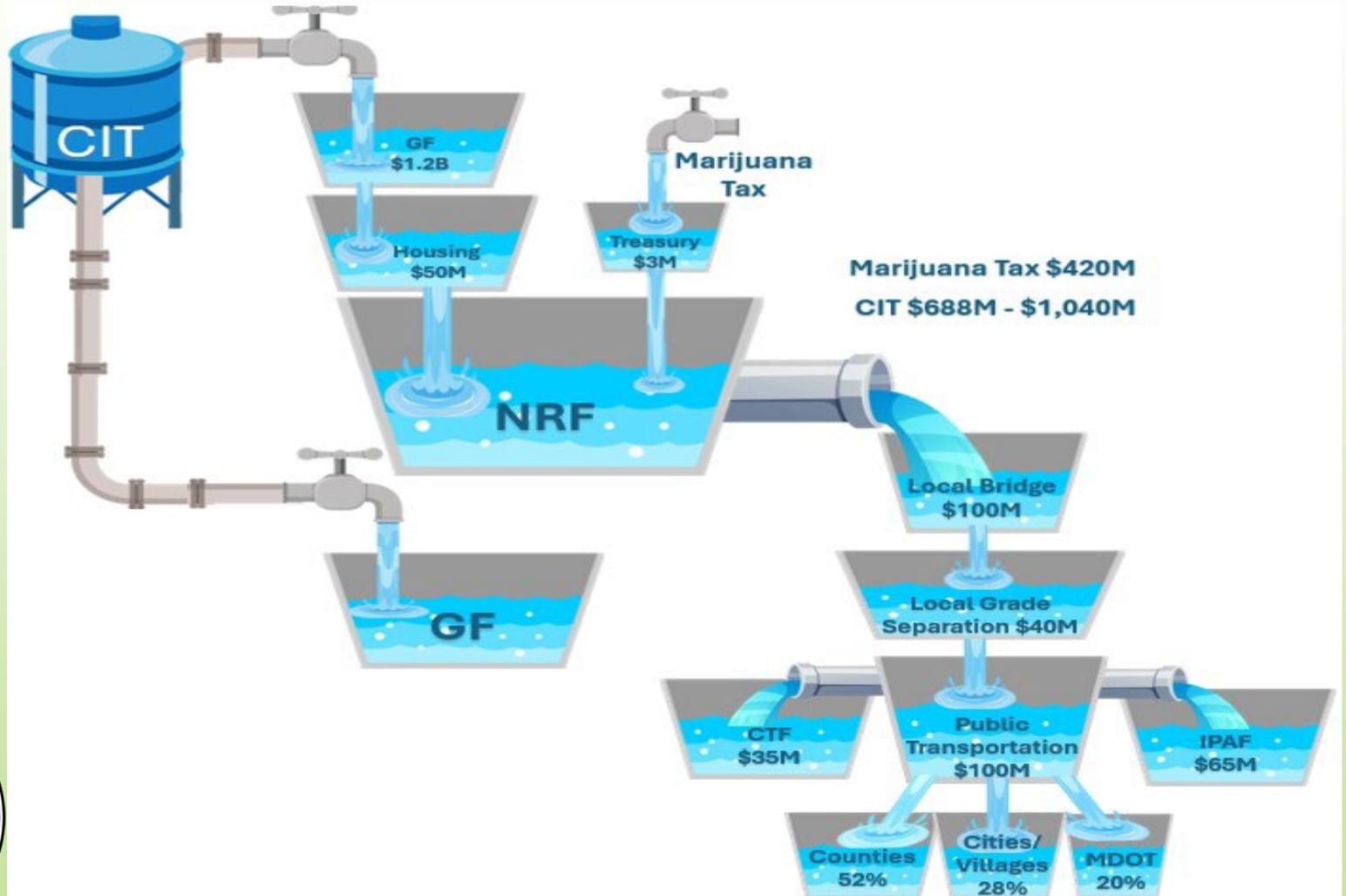
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New NRF Bridge Funding

- Rules for the NRF funds
 - Closed Bridges
 - Restricted Bridges (Load Posted)
 - Critical Bridges
 - Defined as “at risk of restriction, closure or inadequate in relation to the highway, road or street it serves”
 - Will be Replacement and Rehabilitation Projects, no Preventative Maintenance with NRF funds



New NRF Bridge Funding

Funding for LBP and NRF funds

- Divided into 2 separate distribution spreadsheets
 - \$50 million in Local Bridge Program Funds
 - \$100 million in Neighborhood Road Funds
- Selections from NRF funds first for Replace and Rehab projects per NRF rules
- Selections from LBP funds can be Replace, Rehab or PM



New NRF Bridge Funding

Target Asset Management Goal

- 2/3 Replacement/Rehab = \$100 million
 - 1/3 Preventative Maintenance = \$50 million
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- Will allow the RBC's flexibility when selecting projects
 - Large Bridges are defined as exceeding 50% of the Regions allocation based on a **\$100 million** (Previous \$50 million)



New NRF Bridge Funding

New Large Bridge Application Minimum 50% of Region Allocation

- Bay - ~\$9.5 million
- Grand - ~\$4 million
- Metro - ~\$11 million
- North - ~\$2.7 million
- Southwest - ~\$5 million
- Superior - ~\$3.2 million
- University - ~\$7 million



Local Bridge Funding

Fiscal Year 2028 Anticipated Allotment (updated 07/2/2025)

Local Bridge Data

(based on data supplied to Local Agency Programs July 2025)

Fiscal Year 2028 Anticipated Allotment (updated 07/2/2025):			
	FY 2028	Total	
State Funds:	\$50,000,000	\$50,000,000	
Federal On-System	\$0	\$0	
Federal Off-System	\$0	\$0	
Bridge Formula Program	\$0	\$0	
STBG Off-System Bridge	\$0	\$0	
Subtotal	\$50,000,000	\$50,000,000	
Large Bridge 15%	\$7,500,000	\$7,500,000	
Total FY 2028 Standard Application Funds		\$42,500,000	

	Large Bridge App Min 50% of Region Allocation	Based on \$100 million allocation
Bay	\$9,621,196	
Grand	\$3,968,093	
Metro	\$11,045,147	
North	\$2,702,774	
Southwest	\$5,072,799	
Superior	\$3,174,106	
University	\$6,915,885	

Region	Number of Bridge Factor 30%	Total Deck Area Factor 30%	Structurally Deficient Deck Area Factor 40%	Regional Percentage	FY 2028 Funding	FY 2028 Funds / 95% = Construction Costs	FY 2027 Surplus/Deficit	Total Regional Funding FY 2028	0% Overfund
Bay	7.26%	6.69%	8.70%	22.64%	\$9,621,196	\$10,127,574		\$10,127,574	
Grand	3.50%	3.82%	2.02%	9.34%	\$3,968,093	\$4,176,940		\$4,176,940	
Metro	4.62%	6.65%	14.72%	25.99%	\$11,045,147	\$11,626,470		\$11,626,470	
North	2.42%	2.04%	1.90%	6.36%	\$2,702,774	\$2,845,025		\$2,845,025	
Southwest	3.89%	3.62%	4.43%	11.94%	\$5,072,799	\$5,339,788		\$5,339,788	
Superior	2.82%	2.18%	2.46%	7.47%	\$3,174,106	\$3,341,165		\$3,341,165	
University	5.49%	5.00%	5.78%	16.27%	\$6,915,885	\$7,279,879		\$7,279,879	
Totals	30.00%	30.00%	40.00%	100.00%	\$42,500,000	\$44,736,842		\$0	\$44,736,842

Region	Number of Local Bridges	% Total Number Local Bridges	Weighted % 30%	Local Deck Area (sq. ft.)	% Total Local Deck Area	Weighted % 30%	Structural Deficient Deck Area (sq. ft.)	% Total Structural Deficient Deck Area (sq. ft.)	Weighted % 40%	Total Weighted Funding Percent
Bay	1634	24.19%	7.26%	4,156,748	22.28%	6.69%	498,494	21.74%	8.70%	22.64%
Grand	788	11.67%	3.50%	2,373,896	12.73%	3.82%	115,750	5.05%	2.02%	9.34%
Metro	1040	15.40%	4.62%	4,137,785	22.18%	6.65%	843,524	36.79%	14.72%	25.99%
North	546	8.08%	2.42%	1,265,605	6.78%	2.04%	108,868	4.75%	1.90%	6.36%
Southwest	875	12.95%	3.89%	2,250,459	12.06%	3.62%	253,982	11.08%	4.43%	11.94%
Superior	636	9.42%	2.82%	1,357,797	7.28%	2.18%	141,029	6.15%	2.46%	7.47%
University	1236	18.30%	5.49%	3,111,555	16.68%	5.00%	331,286	14.45%	5.78%	16.27%
Totals	6,755	100.00%	30.00%	18,653,845	100.00%	30.00%	2,292,933	100.00%	40.00%	100.00%



New NRF Bridge Funding

Fiscal Year 2028 Anticipated Allotment (updated 07/2/2025)

10/22/2025

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(based on data supplied to Local Agency Programs July 2025)

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	FY 2028	Total	
State Funds:	NRF - Local Bridge	\$100,000,000	\$100,000,000
Federal On-System		\$0	\$0
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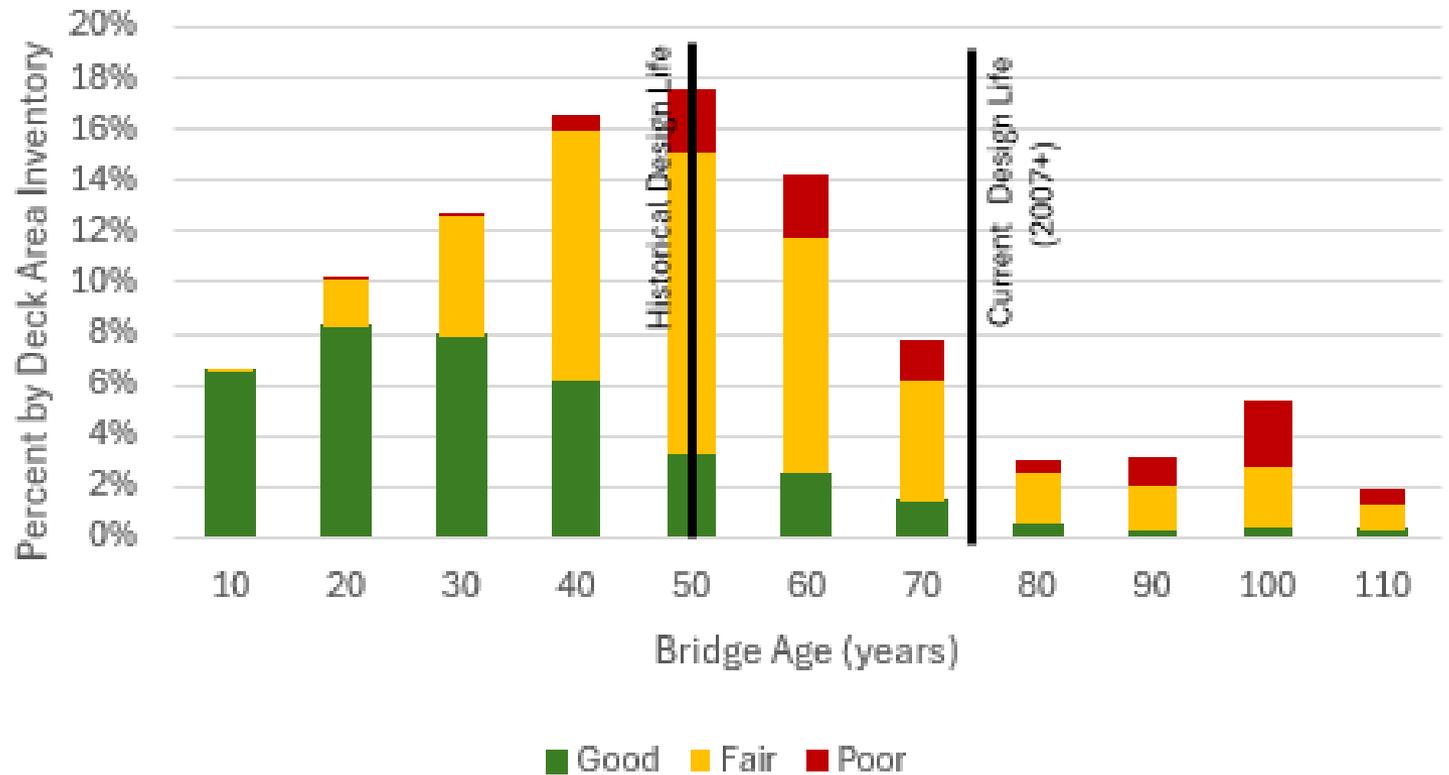
Local Bridge Condition

- Michigan Bridges = 11,000
 - MDOT Bridges = ~4600
 - Local Bridges = ~6700
- Condition of Local Bridges
 - Good/Fair = 5700
 - Poor = 600
 - Serious/Critical = 385
 - Closed = 88
 - Posted = 1035



Local Bridge Condition

Local Agency NBI Condition By Age



Local Bridge Condition

2025 – 300 Applications - \$400 million –
8 times typical funding of \$50 million

Selected 2025 Call:

19 Replacements

9 Rehabilitation

28 Preventative Main

56 Total Bridges



**Add another 47 bridges (34) Replace
/(13) Rehab with \$100 million NRF funds**

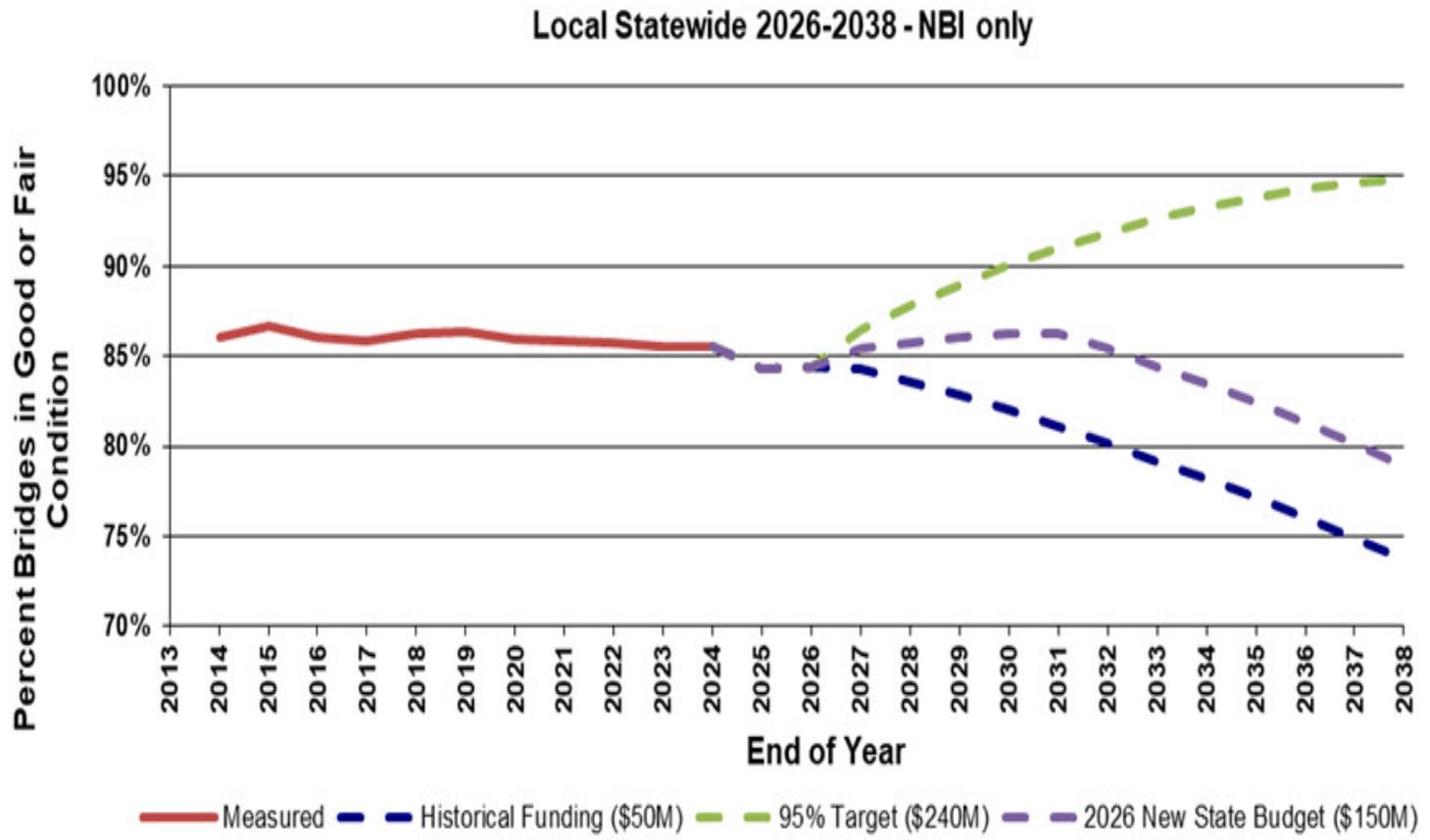


Local Bridge Condition

- 75 Total bridge replacement/rehabs selected in 2025
- Local Bridges = 6700
 - If a 100-year design life for a bridge
 - Need to replace 67 bridges per year



Local Bridge Analysis



2026 Call For Applications

Sent out in February to CRA and MML – Call for FY 2029 Construction

Limit of 3 Applications per Local Agency

- Multiple PM's count as 1 application

Application Deadline – April 1st, 2026

Local Bridge Program Website

- Call Letter/Instructions
- Call for Applications - Submission sheet
- Est. Worksheet – NEW
- 2025 LBP and NRF Selected Projects for FY 2028



2026 Call For Applications

Request for Preliminary (calculated) rating points for local agencies bridge inventory

- **Send requests: MDOT-Bridge-Data-Request@michigan.gov**
- Calculated/Voted Points Guidance on website
 - **Main page – Click on: Local Bridge Program (LBP)**

List of all submitted applications will be posted on Local Bridge Program website – End of April



Tips to Increase Chances for Selection

- Increase Local Agencies funding share
 - Add. \$7.5 million in local match for 2025
 - **60% of selected projects had add. local match**
- Look for additional sources of funding, especially for Large Bridges
 - BIA, Safety, Enhancement, Economic Development, Other, etc.
- Detailed Narratives
- Attend RBC/LBAB meetings in person

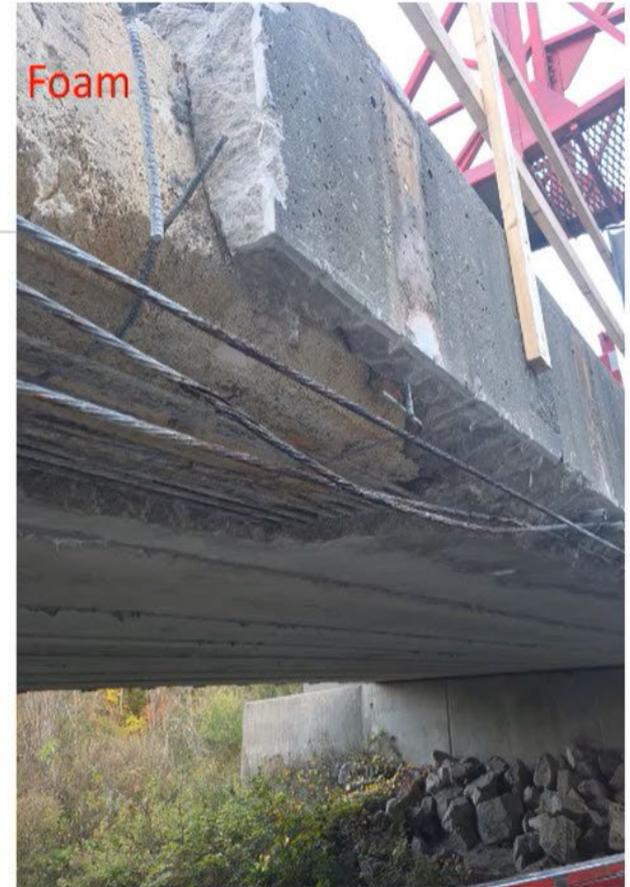


Bridge Scope/Construction Issues



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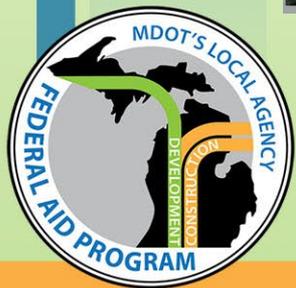


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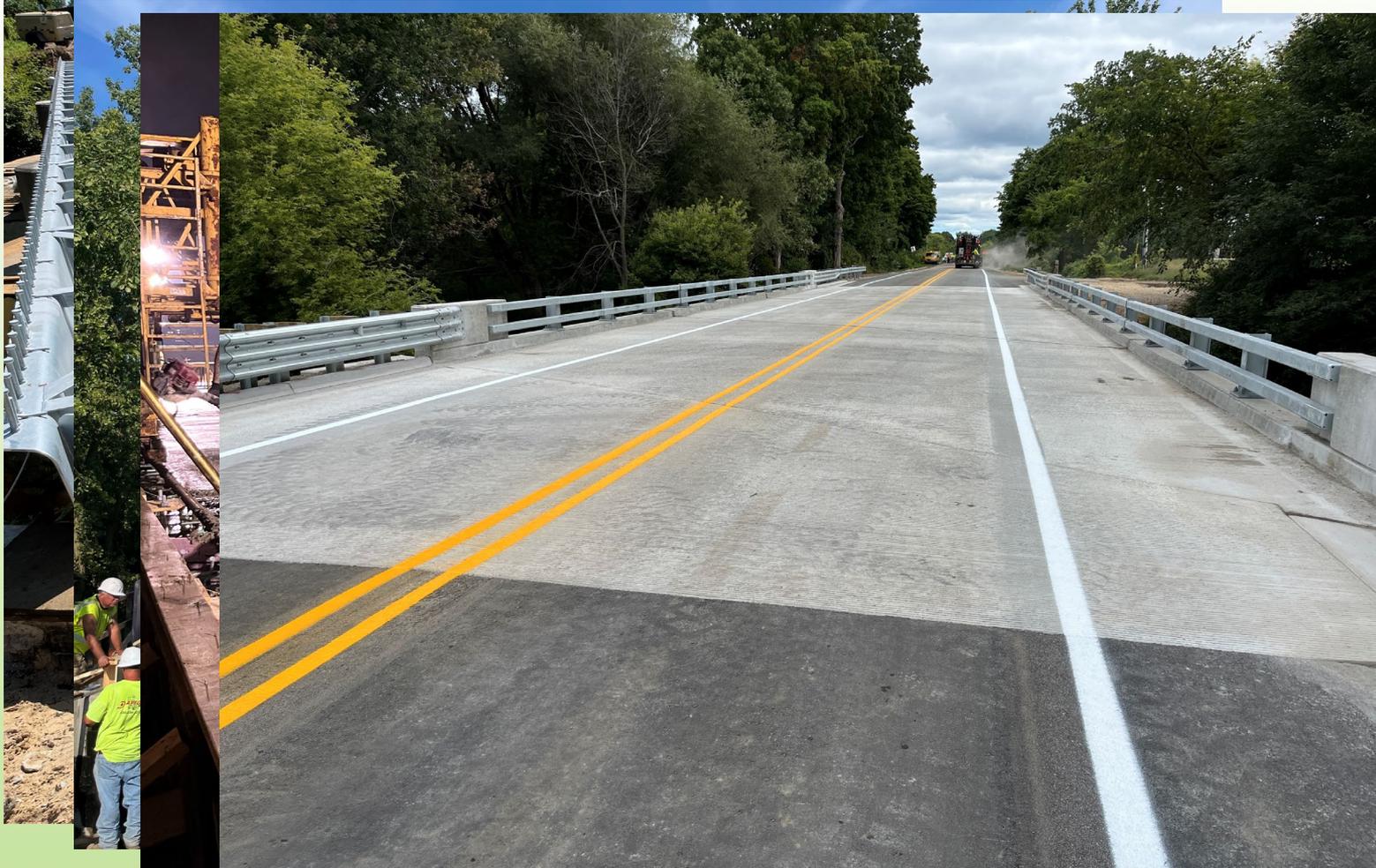
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St. Clair County – Yale Road over Mill Creek



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Conclusion

NRF funding needs to continue beyond the 5 years allocated or Local Bridge Conditions will continue to deteriorate



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Questions?

