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STARTING TO LOOK ITS AGE: A number of infrastructure-focused groups are using the interstate highway system's 60th birthday this week to highlight long-awaited improvements needed to keep the network operating safely and efficiently.

Some of the key takeaways from a [report](#) by transportation research group TRIP: U.S. interstates carry a quarter of the country's vehicle traffic while representing just 2.5 percent of lane miles, and truck travel is increasing at double the rate of overall interstate usage. And, surprising to just about no one, the system doesn't have the necessary funding for repairs and upgrades (though they're usually in better shape than other roads and bridges).

Sounding board: To sum up, infrastructure policy gurus would like Congress to figure out a sustainable fix to the Highway Trust Fund right quick.

"The long-term vision that helped establish the current Interstate system 60 years ago is needed again today," said Will Wilkins, TRIP's executive director. "In order to maintain personal and commercial mobility, transportation investment and a sustainable, long-term funding source for the federal surface transportation program must remain a priority."