

Temporary (137 words)

I saw several TV news stories last week about the state having to “temporarily” fix five bridges that carry traffic across I-96 in mid-Michigan. Because the state road repair budget is so limited, the Michigan Department of Transportation is forced to prop up deteriorating bridges with steel beams that run vertically from the ground to the bottom of the bridges. Without the beams, these bridges are serious threats to the safety of motorists. I understand there are literally hundreds of bridges like this across the state. Seriously, Michigan is better than this, and that’s why I’m voting yes on Proposal 1 for safer roads and bridges. The money raised will significantly increase revenues for road and bridge repairs that are guaranteed in the constitution to be used for transportation purposes and not for the Legislature’s pet projects.