



## **Whitmer Survey Says People Believe Roads Are Getting Better**

Among people on the Governor's roads news communications list, 57 percent believe Michigan's roads have improved over the past five years and 81 percent believe more taxes paid at the pump should go to roads.

Another 72 percent of the roughly 1,000 respondents to Gov. [Gretchen WHITMER](#)'s survey also said they believe it's "very important" to come up with a long-term, bipartisan road funding solution this year. Also, 17 percent said they felt like a road funding solution was somewhat important and three percent said it's not important at all. The answers for the other 8 percent weren't clear.

"The initial results of the survey my office sent out last Friday are clear – people want the legislature to pass a bipartisan plan to fix state and local roads as soon as possible," Whitmer said.

The survey's second question asked respondents if they were worried the roads and bridges would "fall into disrepair" if the Legislature didn't pass additional roads funding this year.

A 64 percent majority said they were very concerned about that happening. Another 23 percent said they were somewhat concerned.

Whitmer said at the end of the 2025 road construction season there would be 24,500 lane miles of road and 1,900 bridges repaired since she took office.

The survey also asked respondents if recently completed road improvements made it easier or safer to get around. A 64 percent majority said yes, and 36 percent said no.

There were also two questions asking what road conditions mean and why rebuilding roads is important and matters.

"While people acknowledged the progress we've made over the last five years, they also shared hundreds of stories about how much poor road conditions cost them and how much safer they would feel if we kept our foot on the accelerator," Whitmer said.