

Call Speaker Boehner at (202) 225-6205 or text "Bridge" to 69866 and tell him not to stand in the way of the investment that will protect America's bridges and transportation systems.

Our needs are great and our nation has more than 1 million men and women who need work – let's do what's right for our country and work quickly towards a fully invested transportation bill that works for America.

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## HOW TO SURVIVE A COLLAPSED BRIDGE



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## WHY YOU NEED THIS MANUAL

More than a quarter of our bridges are structurally deficient or functionally obsolete. Because of tight budgets, maintenance of these structures is in jeopardy, and if Speaker John Boehner has his way, those budgets will get cut even more. Speaker Boehner is blocking needed investment that a Highway Bill would provide to repair our roads and bridges.

In the meantime, our roads and bridges continue to fall further into a state of crisis. Here is a list of problems the American Society of Civil Engineers has identified in Ohio:

- ☹ 27% of Ohio's bridges are structurally deficient or functionally obsolete.
- ☹ 25% of Ohio's major roads are in poor or mediocre condition.
- ☹ 45% of Ohio's major urban highways are congested.
- ☹ Vehicle travel on Ohio's highways increased 27% from 1990 to 2007.

## HOW TO EVACUATE A SINKING CAR

Should a bridge collapse and the worst happen, here is some useful information. First, unfasten your seat belt. That may seem obvious, but you'd be surprised at the number of drowning victims who never unbuckled themselves. Then, before the electricity shorts out, roll down the windows.

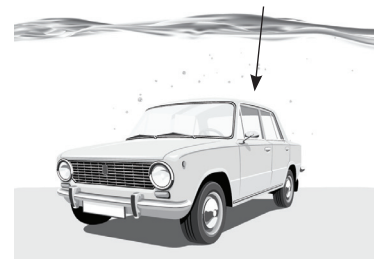
This may seem a suicidal act as you sit in a sinking car. But the point is to equalize the water pressure inside and outside the vehicle. If your sinking car stays full of air, there's no way you'll be able to open the door.

If you still can't get the door open and windows won't roll down, find a heavy object, say a flashlight, and break the glass. Don't try to kick out the windshield; you'll never be able to do it. Smash a side window — it breaks more easily if you hit an edge or corner — and swim out through it and head to the surface.



*As soon as you hit the water, open your windows. Otherwise the pressure of the water will make it very difficult to escape.*

*If you were unable to exit before hitting the water, attempt to break a window with your foot or a heavy object.*



\* Source: U.S. Army Survival Guide