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BUDGET 2025 WISHLIST: EXPERTS RECOMMEND 2.5 PCT GDP ALLOCATION FOR INFRASTRUCTURE MAINTENANCE

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Experts have recommended that the government allocate 2.5 per cent of its gross domestic product (GDP) annually in the budget for public infrastructure maintenance to ensure the long-term sustainability and functionality of national assets.

Malaysia Institute of Transport (MITRANS) director and Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) Associate Professor Dr Wan Mazlina Wan Mohamed said the investment is important to preserve the quality and usability of the country's infrastructure.

"The government can help prevent deterioration and extend the lifespan of critical infrastructure assets by committing to this annual maintenance budget.

"The golden rule of percentage for transportation project maintenance allocation generally refers to a recommended percentage of GDP that should be dedicated to maintaining infrastructure," she told Bernama.