4 takeaways from new NKY roads study

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The Brent Spence Bridge is undergoing extensive maintenance. The work means closed lanes, detours, traffic back-ups and headaches for commuters. (Photo: The Enquirer/ Liz Dufour)

New reports from DC-based transportation organization TRIP highlight the state of Kentucky roads.

In Northern Kentucky, District 6 of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet serves 11 counties and maintains 4,600 miles of state highways and interstates.

Here's what the study said about District 6:

- Of the 962 bridges in District 6, Trip said 81 are structurally deficient.
- The worst of those bridges in District 6 are the Ky. 10 bridge over Twelve Mile Creek in Kenton County, the 11th Street bridge in Covington and the Covert Run Pike bridge in Campbell County.
- TRIP said a study from the Kentucky Magistrates and Commissioners Association found that about 2 percent of the public roads in District 6 need to be repaved.
- In District 6, half the roads are in good condition, the other half are in poor or fair condition. The study said one-third of roads need to be resurfaced.

According to the Associated Press, a new Kentucky bill would raise the gas tax by 10 cents per gallon and impose annual fees on hybrid and electric vehicles.

Representatives said the bill would add an extra \$391 million a year to the state's road fund.