

Study finds 33% of CT roads are in poor condition

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HARTFORD, CT (WFSB) - A new report on the status of Connecticut's roads paints a "not so pretty" picture for drivers around the state.

[The National Transportation Research Group "TRIP"](#) found drivers are losing more than \$5 billion a year, due to congestion delays and driving costs.

The report determined drivers are sitting in more and more traffic, spending 45 hours a year stuck on the roads. All that traffic adds up to \$1,038 for the average commuter in lost time and fuel.

It also reveals 33 percent of major local and state-maintained roads are in "poor" condition and 35 percent of the state's bridges are structurally deficient.

"These conditions are only going to get worse if greater funding is not made available at the local, state and federal levels. Without additional transportation funding Connecticut's transportation system will become increasingly deteriorated and congested, the state will miss out on opportunities for economic growth and quality of life will suffer," Will Wilkins, TRIP's executive director said in a statement on Tuesday.

Local lawmakers said with federal transportation legislation expiring next month, this is a wake-up call.

"Our congested roads and antiquated transportation system is creating real costs for drivers, families, and businesses in Connecticut. Improving our transportation network is critically important to our economic future and our quality of life. The General Assembly is working to improve these conditions and this year made a once-in-a-generation investment in our transportation infrastructure. We must continue to invest at the local, state, and federal levels to make our roads safer, reduce traffic, and improve the lives of those using our roads," Connecticut State Senate Majority Leader Bob Duff (D-Norwalk) said in a statement on Tuesday.

Meanwhile, Gov. Dannel P. Malloy has made transportation a key priority with a 30-year, \$100 billion plan to revitalize our infrastructure.

On Tuesday, Malloy's spokesperson David Bednarz released a statement on the report.

"He recognizes that our infrastructure is directly connected to long-term business growth, job growth, and economic success," the statement said. "If we want to grow jobs and provide residents with a best-in-class transportation system, we must act now."

If you're interested in the full "roads report" and all of the statistics, [click here](#).



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