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## Half of Alaska's major roads are in deteriorated condition

Nearly half of major roads in Alaska are in poor or mediocre condition, and more than a quarter of the state's bridges are deficient. These deteriorated conditions come at a time when the state faces a transportation funding shortfall of \$9 billion through 2016 for needed repairs and improvements to its highway transportation system, according to a new report released by TRIP. The state needs a total of \$10.9 billion through 2016 to maintain, rehabilitate and rebuild its deteriorated highway system and provide additional lane capacity to meet growing travel demand. However, only \$1.9 billion will be available, leaving a shortfall of approximately \$9 billion for needed improvements to the state's transportation system.