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## **I-5 bridge ranked worst traffic spot**

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A national transportation research group rated the Interstate 5 bridge area as the worst traffic choke point in Oregon. The nonprofit TRIP rated the 50 worst choke points in the state in a [report released today](#).

“It’s not only a choke point of transportation and commuting, but it makes it that much harder to bounce back from the current downturn if people don’t see Oregon as good for business or if freight carriers avoid it,” said Carolyn Bonifas, spokeswoman for the organization.

Other worrisome areas include Interstate 5’s interchanges with interstates 84 and 405 and the Highway 212 and 224 corridor.

The report was meant to bring attention to the vital role of transportation on economic development and people’s quality of life, Bonifas said. That said, the group didn’t weigh into the debate over the Columbia River Crossing project.

“We didn’t propose any solutions,” she said. “This was just to illuminate the issue and to let local public officials decide.”