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BATON ROUGE, LA (WAFB) - More than 120 bridges in the Baton Rouge area are structurally deficient, according to a new report.

TRIP, a Washington, DC-based national nonprofit transportation group said 20 percent of bridges in the area that are 20 feet or longer are considered deficient. Officials said a bridge is structurally deficient if there is significant deterioration of the bridge deck, support, or other major components.

“Louisiana’s bridges are a critical component of the state’s transportation system, providing connections for personal mobility, economic growth and quality of life,” said Will Wilkins, TRIP’s executive director. “Without

increased and reliable transportation funding, numerous projects to improve and preserve Louisiana’s aging bridges will not move forward, hampering the state’s ability to efficiently and safety move people and goods.”

The report stated there are a total of 613 bridges in the area and 122 of them are structurally deficient. It added those 122 bridges carry about 419, 000 vehicles every day.

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Below are the 10 most heavily-traveled structurally deficient bridges in the area:

Rank	Parish	Location	Facility Carried	Feature Intersected	Year Built	Average Daily Traffic	Open, Closed, Posted
1	East Baton Rouge	Baton Rouge	US0061	LA 73 NORTH	1953	26500	Posted
2	East Baton Rouge	Baton Rouge	US0190	OLD MISS.RIVER BR	1939	20100	Open
3	West Baton Rouge	Baton Rouge	LA0001	PORT ALLEN CANAL	1960	19100	Posted
4	West Baton Rouge	Baton Rouge	LA0001	PORT ALLEN CANAL	1960	19100	Open
5	East Baton Rouge	Baton Rouge	BOB PETIT BLVD	BAYOU FOUNTAIN	1969	18462	Posted
6	East Baton Rouge		LA0427	BAYOU MANCHAC	1972	17100	Posted
7	East Baton Rouge	Baton Rouge	LA0067	MONTE SANO BAYOU	1956	16800	Open
8	East Baton Rouge	Baton Rouge	US0190	US 190 OVER US 61-SCENIC	1940	16350	Open
9	East Baton Rouge	Baton Rouge	US0190	US 190 OVER US 61-SCENIC	1940	16350	Open
10	East Baton Rouge	Baton Rouge	US0061	BAYOU MANCHAC	1953	16150	Open

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Below are the structurally deficient bridges with the lowest average rating for deck, substructure, and superstructure:

Rank	Parish	Location	Facility Carried	Feature Intersected	Year Built	Average Daily Traffic	Open, Closed, Posted
1	East Baton Rouge	Baton Rouge	SILVERLEAF AVE.	ROBERTS CANAL	1956	8137	Closed
2	West Baton Rouge	Baton Rouge	LA0001	PORT ALLEN CANAL	1960	19100	Posted
3	West Baton Rouge	Baton Rouge	LA0001	PORT ALLEN CANAL	1960	19100	Open
4	East Baton Rouge	Baton Rouge	US0061	LA 73 NORTH	1953	26500	Posted
5	East Baton Rouge	Baton Rouge	US0061	BAYOU MANCHAC	1953	16150	Open
6	West Baton Rouge		US0190	LA 415/M P RR @ LOBDELL	1940	14100	Open
7	West Baton Rouge	Baton Rouge	LA0001	MO PACIFIC RR	1952	8700	Open
8	East Baton Rouge		LOCAL ROAD	DRAINAGE CANAL	1968	610	Posted
9	East Baton Rouge	Baton Rouge	BOB PETIT BLVD	BAYOU FOUNTAIN	1969	18462	Posted
10	East Baton Rouge	Baton Rouge	US0190	US 190 OVER US 61-SCENIC	1940	16350	Open

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