

88 bridges in New Orleans area suffering from significant deterioration



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A [new report](#) shows 88 state and locally maintained bridges in the New Orleans area are structurally deficient, meaning there is significant deterioration of the bridge's major components.

TRIP, a national non-profit transportation research group, says those 88 bridges equal 12% of the bridges in Jefferson and Orleans parishes. Those structurally deficient bridges carry about 1 million vehicles per day.

The most heavily traveled bridge in Orleans Parish on the list includes the

High Rise Bridge. The report claims more than 116,000 people drive over the bridge every day. The National Bridge Inventory estimated the bridge needed \$52,377,000 in repairs in 2016.

In Jefferson Parish, the most heavily traveled bridge deemed structurally deficient is where I-10 crosses over Veterans Boulevard, according to the TRIP report. The National Bridge Inventory estimated the westbound side of the bridge needs more than \$10 million in repairs, the eastbound side more than \$8 million.

It is important to note, just because these bridges are deemed structurally deficient, doesn't mean they post any immediate safety threat.

To see a full list of the bridges deemed structurally deficient in the New Orleans area, [Click Here](#).

VIDEO TRANSCRIPT

WEBVTT THE MORE COSTLY THEY COULD BECOME. >> YOU ARE TRAVELING WITH YOUR KIDS, THAT'S THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IN YOUR LIFE. JULIAN THAT'S WHY DRIVERS FIND THIS NEW REPORT SO CONCERNING. THE NATIONAL NONPROFIT FOUND 12% OF BRIDGES IN THE METRO AREA ARE STRUCTURALLY DEFICIENT, SUFFERING FROM SIGNIFICANT DETERIORATION. >> I GET BEAT TO DEATH ON THE ROADS. BUMPY, TERRIBLE, FALLING APART. JULIANA: YOU MAY BE IN ONE OF THE ONE MILLION CARS THAT DRIVE OVER THESE DETERIORATING BRIDGES. >> THEY BEAT THE TRUCKS UP. WHAT WE HAVE DO AS A COMMUNITY TO GET SOMETHING DONE? JULIANA: ONE IS ON THE LIST WHERE I 10 RUNS OVER VETERANS BOULEVARD. >> IT MAKES ME NERVOUS TO KNOW THAT. I DRIVE OVER IT EVERY DAY. JULIANA: MORE THAN 84,000 PEOPLE TRAVEL OVER THAT BRIDGE EVERY DAY. IT'S BEEN LISTED IN POOR CONDITION ON THE NATIONAL DATABASE SINCE 2009. >> HOW SAFE IS THE BRIDGE TO CROSS? IT CROSSES MY MIND EVERY TIME I GET ON A BRIDGE. JULIANA: REPAIRS NEEDED TO THE WESTBOUND SIDE ESTIMATED AT MORE THAN 10 MILLION DOLLARS. THE EASTBOUND SIDE, MORE THAN \$8 MILLION. >> WHAT CAN DO, WHAT ARE THEY GOING TO DO? JULIAN IN NEW ORLEANS, THE HIGH-RISE ON THE LIST OF STRUCTURALLY DEFICIENT BRIDGES, MORE THAN 116,000 PEOPLE USE IT EVERY DAY. THE NATIONAL BRIDGE DATABASE ESTIMATING IT NEEDED MORE THAN 52 MILLION DOLLARS IN REPAIRS IN 2016. >> IT SHOULD BE DONE IN A TIMELY FASHION. IT'S IMPORTANT PEOPLE ARE SAFE. JULIANA: JUST BECAUSE A BRIDGE IS DEEMED STRUCTURALLY DEFICIENT DOESN'T MEAN THERE'S AN IMMINENT SAFETY THREAT. IT DOES MEAN REPAIRS FOR THOSE BRIDGES WILL BE AT THE TOP OF THE PRIORITY LIST. LOUISIANA'S SUNSHINE BRIDGE WILL BE CLOSED UNTIL NEXT YEAR. YOU CAN SEE THE GOVERNOR TOURING DAMAGE THAT THEIR BRIDGE AFTER A BARGE HIT INTO IT EARLIER THIS MONTH.