

Report: North Dakota Highway System Funding Short

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Bismarck - A new study says North Dakota is facing a two-point-five billion dollar shortfall to improve roads and bridges.

The study by TRIP, a national transportation research group showed 14-percent of the state's bridges are structurally deficient.

Traffic crashes on rural roads are four times higher than all other roads in the state.

And two-thirds of urban roads in the state are in mediocre or poor condition.

State officials say it's important to address the problem.

"Having roads that are well maintained, allows for the safe delivery of goods to all communities across our state, 46-percent of North Dakota communities depend exclusively on trucks to move their goods." said Mike Gerhart with the North Dakota Motor Carriers Association.

The state Department of Transportation estimates the number of rough roads across North Dakota will double over the next three years to nearly 900 miles of road.