

REPORT: More money needed to fix Michigan's crumbling roads and bridges

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LANSING, Mich (WLNS) - More funding is needed to fix Michigan's roads.

That's according to a new report from the non-profit group "National Transportation Research Group" based in Washington, D.C.

In the report it says if Michiganders want smooth, safe and efficient roads and bridges, transportation needs to be made a top priority.

According to the "TRIP" report, 6 of 10 miles of major roads in the Lansing area are in poor or mediocre condition.

13 percent of bridges in the region are "structurally deficient" and drivers lose 25 hours per year in traffic congestion.

The report also found driving on bad roads costs more than \$14 billion statewide in the form of additional vehicle "operating costs."

The report's findings will be announced in a news conference today.

Lansing mayor Andy Schor will be there, along with Michigan Department of Transportation officials and the people who wrote the survey report.

Governor Gretchen Whitmer weighed in on the report today, saying in part, "patching potholes and ignoring the problem isn't working. Instead, it's hurting our families and businesses and holding our economy back."

This story will be updated online and on 6 News.