New report shines light on deteriorating bridges in Capital Region

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GUILDERLAND, N.Y. (WRGB) - A new report is shining a light on deteriorating bridges in the Capitol Region.

The report released Wednesday lists dozens of bridges that are in poor condition.

The report was written by the non-profit TRIP and it found that 68 bridges in the Capital Region are in poor condition or structurally deficient.

The 68 bridges in the area that were deemed structurally deficient or in poor condition make up eight percent of all of the Capital Region’s state or locally maintained bridges.

The report says only 35 of the area’s bridges are in good condition.

The report said that on a state level ten percent of the state’s bridges are in poor condition.

And fixing all of the state’s bridges would be costly. The federal Highway administration says it would cost around $3.6 billion.

CBS6 did reach out to the New York State Department of Transportation for their response to this report. They tell us that bridges must be inspected at least once every two years.

The DOT also tells us that three of the bridges in this report are scheduled for repair and that four have been replaced or repaired in the last two years. They tell us that just because a bridge is categorized as poor doesn’t mean it isn’t safe. If a bridge was deemed unsafe it would be closed.