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## Binghamton-area bridge rating database: 7% are 'poor' or 'structurally deficient'

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A report compiled by [transportation research nonprofit TRIP](#) claims 45 of the 676 bridges in Broome and Tioga counties are in poor condition or are structurally deficient.

Drawn from the [2018 Federal Highway Administration's National Bridge Inventory](#), the "poor" rating indicates significant deterioration of the bridge deck, supports or other major components.

Those in the Binghamton area carry 140,464 vehicles daily, the Washington, D.C.-based organization's report said.

Of the 45 ranked poorly, TRIP compiled a list of the 10 bridges most heavily traveled across Broome and Tioga counties.

► [Click here](#) to see the complete database of bridge inspections.

*Those marked with an asterisk are involved in completed, ongoing or proposed repair projects.*

### Broome County bridge conditions

- Route 11 over Route 81, Dickinson\*
- Interstate 81 over Pease Hill Road, Barker
- Route 434 over Choconut Creek, Vestal
- Route 12 over Gilbert Creek, Chenango
- Country Club Road over Patterson Creek, Union\*

### Tioga County bridge conditions

- Route 960J over Route 17, Owego\*
- Route 960J over Susquehanna River, Owego\*
- Route 34 over Cayuta Creek, Barton\*

- Route 34 over MP 274.41 Norfolk Southern track, Barton\*
- Route 38 over McLean Creek, Owego\*

### [Database: Check the condition of your county's bridges](#)



Traffic impacted by construction project on the County Club Road bridge over Patterson Creek Thursday, Sept. 19, 2019. (Photo: Katie Sullivan Borrelli / Press & Sun-Bulletin)

### Bridge repairs underway, proposed

As part of [a proposed \\$18.3 million project in the Town of Dickinson](#), construction work to replace the state Route 11 bridge over Interstate 81 is scheduled to begin in 2021.

In the Town of Union, [a current construction project to replace the Country Club Road bridge](#) over Patterson Creek began in July.

A [bridge rehabilitation project is underway in Owego](#) to replace the decks on the three bridges carrying state Route 960J over state Route 17, the Susquehanna River and state Route 17C. The project is scheduled to be completed in 2020.

Under the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program, a reconstruction project to replace the two deteriorated structures carrying Route 34 over Cayuta Creek and the Norfolk Southern Railroad

in the Town of Barton [was introduced in 2017](#).

A \$1.1 million project to replace the bridge decks, repair concrete and replace bridge railings [on state Route 38 over McLean Creek](#) and over Wade Hollow Creek [was completed in October 2018](#).



The Department of Transportation has outlined two possibilities when doing construction near this area in Dickinson. (Photo: Ashley Biviano / Binghamton Press & Sun-Bulletin)

### Check your local bridges

Across New York, 10% of bridges are rated poor and structurally deficient, 53% rated in fair condition and 37% in good condition.

To replace or rehabilitate all the poor and structurally deficient bridges in the state, the [Federal Highway Administration estimates it would cost \\$3.6 billion](#).

For a complete look at bridge conditions in your neighborhood and across the region, [search our database here](#).

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