

REPORT: 500K vehicles cross structurally deficient bridges in Buffalo-Niagara daily

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A new report from a national transportation research nonprofit says half a million vehicles cross "poor/structurally deficient" bridges in the Buffalo-Niagara Falls region every day.

The report, "[Preserving Buffalo-Niagara Falls Bridges: The Condition and Funding Needs of Buffalo-Niagara Falls Aging Bridge System](#)," issued by Washington, D.C.-based TRIP finds less than 50% of local bridges - or 548 of 1,164 - are rated in "good" condition. That is actually much better than the statewide average, which rates only 37% of New York bridges as in "good" condition.

TRIP says the bridge carrying the I-290 at Sweet Home Road is the most heavily traveled poor/structurally deficient one in Erie and Niagara counties.

"AAA is appalled over the TRIP report showing that so many bridges across the state, and in the local region, are deemed to be in poor condition," said Elizabeth Carey, public relations director at AAA Western and Central New York. "As an advocate for traffic safety, AAA is calling on elected officials to protect motorists by improving the quality of our infrastructure. The quality of road and bridge conditions should be a top priority."

"Economic development does not happen without well-designed, well-maintained and well-funded infrastructure," said Dottie

	County	City	Facility Carried	Feature Intersected	Location	Year Built	Lanes	ADT	Open, Closed, Posted
1	Erie	Amherst	RTE I290	RTE 952T	1.7 MI NW INT RTS263+I290	1982	5	51,953	Open
2	Erie	Buffalo	RTE 33	W L GAITER AVENUE	3.5 MI NE JCT RTS 33 & 5	1967	4	47,202	Open
3	Erie	Cheektowaga	RTE 952Q	RTE I90	1.2 MI N JCT I90 & SH 130	1950	6	38,021	Open
4	Erie	Lancaster	RTE I90	CSX RR (ABAND)	2.0 MI W JCT I90 < RTE 78	1953	4	34,461	Open
5	Erie	Hamburg	RTE 75	RTE I90	JCT RT 75 + I-90	1957	5	27,772	Open
6	Erie	Hamburg	RTE 179	RTE I90	MILE STRIP ROAD, RT. 179	1956	4	26,968	Open
7	Erie	Tonawanda	RTE 265	ERIE CANAL	JCT RTE 265 + CANAL	1956	4	17,111	Open
8	Erie	Buffalo	RTE 62	CSX TRANS/AMTRAK	0.2 MI S JCT RTS 62 + 130	1979	4	15,469	Open
9	Erie	Cheektowaga	RTE 33B	RTE I90, SCAJQUADA CK B	JCT GENESEE ST + I-90	1951	4	14,582	Open
10	Erie	Hamburg	RTE 62	RTE I90	JCT RT 62 + I-90	1956	4	13,002	Open

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Gallagher, president and CEO of the Buffalo Niagara Partnership. "Buffalo Niagara Partnership members continue to identify the lack of resources to adequately address our infrastructure needs now – and in the future."

TRIP says the chart below details the 10 most heavily traveled poor/structurally deficient bridges in the Buffalo-Niagara Falls area. A list of the 25 most heavily traveled poor/structurally deficient bridges in the region can be found in the [report](#). The report's [Appendix](#) also includes the ratings for each bridge's deck, substructure and superstructure.

TRIP says the following 10 poor/structurally deficient bridges in the Buffalo-Niagara Falls area (carrying a minimum of 500 vehicles per day) have the lowest average rating for deck, substructure and superstructure. A score of 4 or

	County	City	Facility Carried	Feature Intersected	Location	Year Built	Lanes	ADT	Open, Closed, Posted
1	Erie	Akron	STATE STREET	MURDER CREEK	1.5 MI NE JCT 935	1938	2	732	Closed
2	Niagara	Lockport	NORTH ADAM ST	ERIE CANAL	AT LOCKPORT ON CANAL	1918	2	558	Closed
3	Erie	Buffalo	LOUISIANA STREET	RTE I190, CSX TRANS	0.8 MI E JCT RTS I190 < 5	1960	4	3,892	Open
4	Erie	Lancaster	STONY ROAD	ELLCOTT CREEK	1.5 MI E JCT SH78 & SH33	1956	2	2,705	Open
5	Erie	Lancaster	MAIN STREET	ELLCOTT CREEK	0.75 MI SE JCT I-90RT 78'	1,922	2	557	Open
6	Erie	Hamburg	RTE 75	RTE I90	JCT RT 75 + I-90	1957	5	27,772	Open
7	Erie	North Collins	RTE 62	BR BIG SISTER CRK	.2 MI S JCT US 62 & SH249	1931	2	3,897	Open
8	Erie	West Seneca	MILL ROAD	CAZENOVIA CREEK	2.5 MI W JCT SH78 & US20	1930	2	3,093	Open
9	Erie	West Seneca	LEYDECKER ROAD	CAZENOVIA CREEK	1 MI W JCT SH400 & SH78	1934	2	1,673	Posted
10	Erie	Boston	TREVETT ROAD	EIGHTEEN MILE CRK	.8 MILE SE OF BOSTON	1930	2	1,038	Posted

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below out of 10 indicates poor condition. A rating of 4 or below for its deck, substructure or superstructure indicates a rating as poor/structurally deficient. A list of the 25 bridges in the Buffalo-Niagara Falls area with the lowest average rating for major bridge components is included in the [report](#).