

Report: Dozens of Hudson Valley bridges are in poor, structurally deficient condition



Approximately 2.5 million travelers are crossing over structurally-deficient bridges in the Hudson Valley every day, according to a Washington, D.C.-based transportation research group.

Of the region's 2,500 bridges, 329 are rated in poor or structurally deficient conditions. That means 13% of the bridge decks and supports are significantly deteriorating, according to national transportation research group TRIP.

A total of 17 bridges in Westchester made the list, while 18 combined from Rockland and Orange counties made an appearance.

The report says that a bridge on Mill Street in Newburgh is the worst in Orange County. The bridge, which was built in the late 1800s, has stones beneath the span that appear to be loose and out of place.

TRIP transportation expert John Cooney says despite the alarming findings, the bridges are regularly maintained by local and state governments and considered safe. Cooney says the purpose of the report is to show that despite the best efforts, millions of dollars more are needed to make all structural repairs.

New York ranked 12th for the worst bridges in the nation. Rhode Island took the top spot among the worst, while Texas ranked best.