

Local bridges cited in report on poor bridges NEW YORK: Robinson Road and Bear Ridge Road bridges named.

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File photo The North Adam Street Bridge was among Niagara County structures on a list of bridges in poor condition released by a national transportation research non-profit group.

A recent report has found several bridges in the Niagara County area are in poor condition, and said they require some structural repairs.

The report titled "Preserving Buffalo-Niagara Bridges: The condition and funding needs of the Buffalo-Niagara Falls Aging Bridging System" was put by TRIP, a national transportation research non profit group. The report, which used information from the 2018 Federal Highway Administration Bridge Inventory, found that 8% (91 of 1,164) of locally and state maintained bridges in the Buffalo-Niagara Falls area were rated by the federal agency as poor/structurally deficient.

In the eastern Niagara area, two bridges are mentioned that are the list of the 25 most heavily traveled bridges in poor condition. The Robinson Road bridge over the Erie Canal and the Bear Ridge Road bridge over Tonawanda Creek Road were both cited in this section, with the two bridges experiencing a combined average daily traffic of 13,650.

The report also cites the North Adam Street bridge, the Wilson Route 425 bridge over 12 Mile Creek, the Newfane Wilson-Burt Road bridge over Hopkins Creek, the Royalton Slayton Settlement Road bridge over the Erie Canal and the Royalton Griswold Street bridge over Tributary of Mudd Creek were all cited as in poor condition. The North Adams Street bridge has been closed for several years.

According to the TRIP report, the Federal Highway Administration estimates it would cost \$3.6 billion to rehabilitate all poor/structurally deficient bridges in New York state.

"New York's bridges are a critical component of the state's transportation system, providing connections for personal mobility, economic growth and quality of life," said Will Wilkins, TRIP's executive director. "Without increased and reliable transportation funding, numerous projects to improve and preserve aging bridges in the Buffalo-Niagara Falls area and statewide will not move forward, hampering New York's ability to efficiently and safely move people and goods."