

Report finds 12% of Utica roads, bridges in poor condition

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The National Transportation Research Nonprofit, or TRIP, report shows nearly half of the major roads throughout the state are in poor or mediocre condition.

Specifically, in Utica, 28% of the roads are in mediocre condition and 12% are rated poor, according to the TRIP report.

Rocky Morietti, of the TRIP organization, says roads in bad condition can be costly to drivers.

“In the Utica area, drivers are spending an average \$1,264 annually in the cost of driving on rough roads, which is beating up their vehicle, in the value of lost time and wasted fuel due to traffic congestion and the economic cost of serious and fatal traffic crashes,” he said.

As far as bridges, 12% are also rated “poor or structurally deficient,” noting deterioration in the decks, supports and other components.

The TRIP report did not specify which roads or bridges were considered in poor condition.