

Illinois' interstate, bridge conditions among worst in nation

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SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (WICS/WRSP) — A new study says the rate of deterioration on Illinois' interstate is among the worst in the country.

The report by TRIP, a nonprofit research organization, says 8% of Illinois interstates and bridges are in poor condition.

This puts the state third in the nation.

Pavements on four percent of Illinois' Interstate highways are in poor condition, the 16th highest share in the nation.

“Illinois is a hub in our nation’s transportation network. Even more, transportation in all forms is vital to the health of the Illinois economy and Illinois business,” said Todd Maisch, president and CEO of the Illinois Chamber. “The TRIP report clearly shows a decline in the condition of US roadways and bridges and the need for prioritization of this issue on both the state and federal levels. The Chamber believes that a long-term funding solution has to be crafted and new funding mechanisms should be considered for roads and bridges but also for rail, air and waterways. It is crucial that stakeholders and the public see the condition of our U.S. interstate system and the very real needs of Illinois infrastructure.”

The report found most of the United States interstate system needs reconstruction and modernization.

This would require funding to be more than doubled.