

New Jersey has once again earned the title of worst truck traffic bottleneck in America

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A New Jersey highway has once again been dubbed the worst truck bottleneck in America, according to an annual report. The yearly report was put out by TRIP, a nonprofit transportation research group, and places Interstate 95 at Route 4 in Fort Lee as the worst truck traffic bottle neck in the United States. The American Transportation Research Institute places this exact spot at the top of their traffic bottleneck list, as well.

According to the report, the average speeds on that portion of roadway are between 30 and 39 mph, and that's when traffic is moving, reported <u>NJ News</u>.

While this bottleneck, and others like it, are not the cause of the nation's current supply chain issues, they certainly don't do much to alleviate them.

"In the short term, improving the performance of the nation's supply chain will require addressing the many supply chain challenges that are restricting the timely movement of freight," said Dave Kearby, TRIP executive director. "Ensuring that the nation's long-term goals for economic growth and quality of life are met will require investing adequately in an efficient transportation system that will provide the U.S. with a reliable supply chain."

"Highway bottlenecks cost the trucking industry more than \$75 billion each year, contributing to the recent surge in inflation and driving down supply chain efficiencies," said Bill Sullivan, American Trucking Association executive vice president of advocacy. "The TRIP report provides some of the starkest evidence yet of the dire consequences of underinvestment in our nation's most critical infrastructure."

"With passage of the bipartisan Infrastructure legislation, new federal resources will join with state, local and private partners to modernize the freight network in a one-in-a-generational opportunity to rebuild and innovate, ensuring America's competitiveness long into the 21st century," said Ed Mortimer, U.S. Chamber of Commerce vice president of transportation infrastructure. "It's time to get to work."