

## National Transport Research Non-Profit holds virtual conference on New York road conditions



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BINGHAMTON (WBNG) -- TRIP, the National Transport Research Nonprofit held a virtual conference on Wednesday examining New York's road, bridge and traffic conditions.

The report stated how motorists throughout New York State are losing thousands of dollars as a result of driving on roads that are deteriorated, congested, and lack safety features.

Driving on Binghamton area roads and highways costs drivers an additional \$1,180 annually. There are factors such as the cost of damages from rough roads and car accidents, to loss of fuel due to traffic congestion. In terms of New York state as a whole, the total cost of drivers on bad roads is \$28 billion a year.

According to the TRIP report, about 26% of pavements in New York State are in poor condition and 19% are in mediocre condition. In Binghamton, 18% of major roadways are in poor or mediocre condition.

In terms of the condition of our bridges, 10% of the state's bridges are deficient while 4% of Binghamton's bridges are deficient. These bridges may need to be repaired or even fully reconstructed.

Other Binghamton statistics in the report showed that locals are stuck in traffic for 16 hours a year, and about 18 people are killed annually in car crashes.

The quality of our transportation system is crucial for our everyday lives. 3.5 million full-time jobs in New York are directly reliant on our transportation, truck drivers carry around \$1 trillion worth of goods that are shipped in and out of the state each year. The increased need for goods since the beginning of the pandemic has put unneeded stress on our transportation system as well.

The state has been working to repair our roads and bridges. New York in the past three years has significantly increased the quality of paved roads and bridges by 37%. The effort to repair our state's roads will hopefully reduce excess driving costs for motorists.

To view the conference and other important information, visit <https://tripnet.org/>