



## Report shows more road and bridge improvements needed across Ohio



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TOLEDO, Ohio (WTVG) - A new report on the state of Toledo roads and bridges explains how safe the roads are and how much it costs Toledo drivers to drive on bad roads.

The research comes from TRIP, a national transportation research non-profit. The organization found that in Toledo 43% of major roads are in poor or mediocre condition. It also said driving on those bad roads costs the average Toledo driver an additional \$567 per year in vehicle costs.

According to the report, four percent of bridges in Toledo are rated poor or structurally deficient. The group said that while state and federal funding along with an increase in Ohio's gas tax is paying for improvements, the state needs to look ahead to find a source of funds for all the roadways that need to be fixed.

"Since the beginning of 2022 through the first nine months of 2023, the rate of inflation is 36%. So unfortunately that inflation has really taken a bite out of the increased state and federal money," Rocky Moretti, the director of policy and research with TRIP said.

The report also pointed out that revenue from state and federal motor fuel tax is likely to shrink due to increased fuel efficiency and increasing electric vehicles.