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New report paints grim picture of the condition of West Virginia's roads and bridges

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Wheeling, W.Va. (WTRF) – A new report is painting a grim picture of the state of West Virginia's roads and bridges.

A non-profit group called TRIP finds that in the Mountain State, nearly 1/3 of major roads are in "poor or mediocre" condition, and the number of bridges rated "poor or structurally deficient" is the highest in the U.S.

In the Wheeling area specifically, 31% of major roads are in such poor condition that it's costing drivers nearly \$500 annually in vehicle operating costs.

One problem is funding.

The state has gotten a big funding boost over the last decade to try and fix these issues.

In 2017, we saw the Roads to Prosperity program which increased investment in roads and bridges by 67%, and the 2021 Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill added \$3.6 billion on top of that.

"Unfortunately, a significant increase in highway construction inflation, which since the beginning of 2022, has increased the price of highway construction projects by 45%. This had had a significant negative impact on the ability of these additional funds to proceed with needed work."

Rocky Moretti, Director of Policy and Research with TRIP

West Virginia is also ranked 5th in the nation for traffic fatality rates. The report noted that the traffic fatality rate is double on non-interstate rural roads.

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