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Infrastructure at a Crossroads: New Report Sounds Alarm for New York Drivers



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The Business Council of Westchester consistently advocates for greater investment in the region's infrastructure, so a new study by a national transportation research nonprofit should give all business leaders cause for concern.

The Road Information Program (TRIP) report, *"New York Transportation by the Numbers: Providing a Modern, Sustainable Transportation System in the Empire State,"* reveals a sobering reality for New York's motorists and the business community: the state's deteriorating transportation network is now costing drivers a staggering \$40.3 billion annually. This represents a 44% increase in costs since 2022, driven by a combination of crumbling pavement, aging bridges, and persistent traffic congestion.

"As the county's largest business organization focusing on economic development and advocacy, the BCW continues to stress the importance of New York State allocating critical funding to help enhance the state transportation network," said BCW Executive Vice President and COO John Ravitz in TRIP's announcement about its report. "It is especially important that Westchester County have a strong fiscally sound transportation infrastructure to serve as an economic development tool for recruiting and retaining businesses in the county."

The BCW has worked with TRIP for several years, and the BCW's annual Legislative Agenda has incorporated many facts from TRIP's research, along with its recommendations.

TRIP's report finds that nearly half of major state- and locally maintained roads are in poor or mediocre condition. Furthermore, 10% of the state's bridges are structurally deficient.

Statewide, the lack of adequate investment has translated into direct financial hits for residents and businesses alike:

- \$20 billion is lost annually in wasted fuel and time due to traffic congestion.
- Inflation in construction costs (up 47% since 2022) has eroded \$3.8 billion in core funding.
- Safety risks are mounting, with a significant increase in traffic fatalities since 2019.

With vehicle travel projected to increase by 23% by 2040, the window to address these deficiencies is narrowing. Sustainable, predictable funding is essential to ensure Westchester remains an attractive and efficient place to do business.

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