Construction Industry Group says Hawaii’s rural roads, bridges need work

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A newly released report by the national transportation research group “TRIP” highlights 2010 and 2008 figures which show Hawaii’s rural roads and bridges to be among the worst in the nation.

In “Rural Connections: Challenges and Opportunities in America’s Heartland,” TRIP examines the condition of roads and bridges in Hawaii outside Oahu and compares the result to other US rural areas.

The results show:

- 16% of Hawaii’s Rural bridges are structurally deficient – 10th in nation
- 29% of Hawaii’s rural roads rated poor—5th in nation

According to its website: “Founded in 1971, TRIP ® of Washington, DC, is a nonprofit organization that researches, evaluates and distributes economic and technical data on surface transportation issues. TRIP is sponsored by insurance companies, equipment manufacturers, distributors and suppliers; businesses involved in highway and transit engineering and construction; labor unions; and organizations concerned with efficient and safe surface transportation.”

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