



Report: W.Va.'s rural roads 7th most deficient in US, rural traffic fatality rate 14th highest

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CHARLESTON, W.Va. — A nonprofit transportation research group says West Virginia's rural roads are in poor shape.

In a report released Thursday, Washington, D.C.-based TRIP says West Virginia ranked seventh in the nation for deficient rural roads in 2008, with 27 percent of major rural roads rated in poor condition.

The report says 14 percent of the state's rural bridges were rated as structurally deficient in 2010. Another 21 percent were functionally obsolete.

The report also says West Virginia has the 14th highest rural traffic fatality rate in the nation, with 2.62 deaths per 100 million vehicle miles of travel. In 2009, 221 of the state's 356 traffic fatalities occurred on rural non-interstate roads.

Online:

TRIP report:

http://www.tripnet.org/national/Rural_Roads_2011/TRIP_Rural_Roads_Report_Sep_2011.pdf