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ONE-FOURTH OF AMERICA'S BRIDGES ARE DEFICIENT, REQUIRING REPAIR OR REPLACEMENT. NATION'S AGING, DETERIORATING BRIDGES WILL REQUIRE ADDITIONAL INVESTMENT TO IMPLEMENT NEEDED REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS

Washington, DC - According to the latest data from the Federal Highway Administration's National Bridge Inventory (December, 2012), a total of 25 percent of the nation's bridges (20 feet or longer) are either structurally deficient or functionally obsolete. Eleven percent of America's bridges are structurally deficient, meaning there is significant deterioration of the bridge deck, supports or other major components. Bridges that are structurally deficient may be posted for lower weight limits or closed if their condition warrants such action. An additional 14 percent of the nation's bridges are functionally obsolete. Functionally obsolete bridges no longer meet current highway design standards, often due to narrow lanes, inadequate clearances or poor alignment with the approaching roadway. Structurally deficient and functionally obsolete bridges are safe for travel and are maintained and monitored on a regular basis by the agencies responsible for their upkeep.

Pennsylvania leads the nation in the share of structurally deficient bridges with 24 percent. Oklahoma (23 percent), Iowa (21 percent), Rhode Island (21 percent), and South Dakota (21 percent) round out the top five states with the highest share of structurally deficient bridges. **A list of bridge conditions for all 50 states can be found below.**

Many of America's bridges have aged beyond their initial service life and continue to deteriorate. Additional funding will be required to improve bridge conditions across the nation. The U.S. currently spends approximately \$14 billion annually in maintaining its more than 600,000 bridges. But based on the findings of a 2010 USDOT report to Congress, the nation should be spending approximately 60 percent more annually -- \$22 billion -- to achieve significant improvements in the state of the nation's bridges. At current levels of spending, TRIP estimates the US will fall approximately \$166 billion short in needed highway repairs over the next 20 years.

"Improving bridge conditions - and the overall condition of the nation's surface transportation infrastructure - will require a significant increase in transportation investment at the federal and state levels of government. The current federal surface transportation program (MAP-21) expires September 30, 2014. Congress has the opportunity with this legislation to increase the investment in our nation's bridges," said Will Wilkins, executive director of TRIP.

Deteriorated bridges can have a significant impact on daily life. Restrictions on vehicle weight may cause many vehicles – especially emergency vehicles, commercial trucks, school buses and agricultural equipment – to use alternate routes to avoid posted bridges. Redirected trips lengthen travel time, waste fuel and reduce the efficiency of the local economy. The service life of bridges can be extended by performing routine maintenance such as resurfacing decks, painting surfaces, insuring that a facility has good drainage and replacing deteriorating components. But most bridges will eventually require more costly reconstruction or major rehabilitation to remain operable.



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2012 BRIDGE CONDITIONS

STATE	Number of Structurally Deficient	Percentage of Structurally Deficient	Number of Functionally Obsolete	Percentage of Functionally Obsolete	Total Number of Deficient Bridges	Percentage of Deficient Bridges	Total Number of Bridges	RANK	Structurally Deficient
ALABAMA	1,448	9%	2,205	14%	3,653	23%	16,070	PENNSYLVANIA	24%
ALASKA	128	11%	147	13%	275	23%	1,173	OKLAHOMA	23%
ARIZONA	247	3%	721	9%	968	12%	7,835	IOWA	21%
ARKANSAS	898	7%	2,031	16%	2,929	23%	12,696	RHODE ISLAND	21%
CALIFORNIA	2,978	12%	4,178	17%	7,156	29%	24,812	SOUTH DAKOTA	21%
COLORADO	566	7%	907	11%	1,473	17%	8,591	NEBRASKA	18%
CONNECTICUT	406	10%	1,070	25%	1,476	35%	4,208	NORTH DAKOTA	17%
DELAWARE	53	6%	122	14%	175	20%	862	NEW HAMPSHIRE	15%
DIST. OF COL.	30	13%	155	65%	185	77%	239	MAINE	15%
FLORIDA	262	2%	1,764	15%	2,026	17%	11,982	MISSOURI	14%
GEORGIA	878	6%	1,871	13%	2,749	19%	14,739	MISSISSIPPI	14%
HAWAII	146	13%	359	32%	505	45%	1,131	WYOMING	14%
IDAHO	397	9%	440	10%	837	20%	4,214	LOUISIANA	14%
ILLINOIS	2,311	9%	1,976	7%	4,287	16%	26,514	WEST VIRGINIA	13%
INDIANA	2,036	11%	2,188	12%	4,224	22%	18,789	HAWAII	13%
IOWA	5,193	21%	1,282	5%	6,475	26%	24,496	DIST. OF COL.	13%
KANSAS	2,658	11%	1,959	8%	4,617	18%	25,176	NEW YORK	12%
KENTUCKY	1,244	9%	3,219	23%	4,463	32%	14,031	MICHIGAN	12%
LOUISIANA	1,783	14%	2,032	15%	3,815	29%	13,175	SOUTH CAROLINA	12%
MAINE	356	15%	436	18%	792	33%	2,408	NORTH CAROLINA	12%
MARYLAND	368	7%	1,099	21%	1,467	28%	5,294	CALIFORNIA	12%
MASSACHUSETTS	493	10%	2,214	43%	2,707	53%	5,120	ALASKA	11%
MICHIGAN	1,354	12%	1,672	15%	3,026	28%	11,000	INDIANA	11%
MINNESOTA	1,190	9%	423	3%	1,613	12%	13,121	VERMONT	11%
MISSISSIPPI	2,417	14%	1,357	8%	3,774	22%	17,061	KANSAS	11%
MISSOURI	3,528	14%	3,365	14%	6,893	28%	24,334	NEW JERSEY	10%
MONTANA	399	8%	509	10%	908	18%	5,120	CONNECTICUT	10%
NEBRASKA	2,779	18%	1,058	7%	3,837	25%	15,393	MASSACHUSETTS	10%
NEVADA	40	2%	216	12%	256	14%	1,798	IDAHO	9%
NEW HAMPSHIRE	362	15%	445	18%	807	33%	2,429	OHIO	9%
NEW JERSEY	651	10%	1,717	26%	2,368	36%	6,554	VIRGINIA	9%
NEW MEXICO	307	8%	350	9%	657	17%	3,924	MINNESOTA	9%
NEW YORK	2,169	12%	4,718	27%	6,887	40%	17,420	ALABAMA	9%
NORTH CAROLINA	2,192	12%	3,296	18%	5,488	30%	18,165	KENTUCKY	9%
NORTH DAKOTA	746	17%	247	6%	993	22%	4,453	ILLINOIS	9%
OHIO	2,462	9%	4,311	16%	6,773	25%	27,045	WISCONSIN	8%
OKLAHOMA	5,382	23%	1,604	7%	6,986	29%	23,781	NEW MEXICO	8%
OREGON	433	6%	1,341	18%	1,774	23%	7,633	MONTANA	8%
PENNSYLVANIA	5,540	24%	4,370	19%	9,910	44%	22,669	ARKANSAS	7%
RHODE ISLAND	156	21%	255	34%	411	54%	757	MARYLAND	7%
SOUTH CAROLINA	1,141	12%	840	9%	1,981	21%	9,271	COLORADO	7%
SOUTH DAKOTA	1,208	21%	237	4%	1,445	25%	5,870	DELAWARE	6%
TENNESSEE	1,195	6%	2,669	13%	3,864	19%	19,985	TENNESSEE	6%
TEXAS	1,372	3%	8,680	17%	10,052	19%	52,260	GEORGIA	6%
UTAH	126	4%	343	12%	469	16%	2,947	OREGON	6%
VERMONT	288	11%	643	24%	931	34%	2,727	WASHINGTON	5%
VIRGINIA	1,250	9%	2,421	18%	3,671	27%	13,769	UTAH	4%
WASHINGTON	366	5%	1,693	22%	2,059	26%	7,840	ARIZONA	3%
WEST VIRGINIA	952	13%	1,595	22%	2,547	36%	7,093	TEXAS	3%
WISCONSIN	1,157	8%	779	6%	1,936	14%	14,057	NEVADA	2%
WYOMING	426	14%	287	9%	713	23%	3,101	FLORIDA	2%
TOTALS	66,467	11%	83,816	14%	150,283	25%	605,132	TOTALS	11%