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Report: Rochester's roads are rotten

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Almost half the roads in the Rochester area are substandard and just over half of the bridges are in need of repair or replacement, according to a national transportation research group.

The report, "Making the Grade in New York: An Analysis of the Ability of New York's Transportation System to Meet the State's Need for Safe and Efficient Mobility," gave Rochester an "F" for its roads and a "D" for its bridges. The report was prepared by TRIP, a non-profit Washington-based group that promotes transportation policies aimed at improving clean air and road safety and relieving road congestion.

TRIP planned to unveil details of the Rochester results in a news conference in Rochester at 2 p.m. today.



Rochester is competing with Long Island and Tarrytown for the worst scores in the state. Buffalo, Syracuse and Albany all scored higher than did the Rochester area.

"Without an increase in state and federal transportation investment, New York will not be able to move forward with numerous projects that would enhance safety, improve road and bridge conditions and attract economic development and tourism," said William M. Wilkins, TRIP's executive director in a statement released this morning.

"The TRIP report highlights the benefits of creating an efficient, well-maintained and adequately funded transportation system," said New York State Assemblyman Joe Morelle. "Investing in the state's transportation system is good for public safety, it's good for the economy, and it's good for the quality of life in New York."

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