



## Report: MI Roads Projected To Get Worse Until At Least 2035

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The condition of Michigan's roads and bridges is about as good as it's going to get for at least the next 12 years, according to a report submitted to the State Transportation Commission today.

The numbers from the Michigan Transportation Asset Management Council (TAMC) 2023 [Roads and Bridges Report](#) show that in 2023, 26 percent of Michigan's roads are in good condition and 33 percent are in poor condition. However, the percentage of roads in good condition is expected to drop until it hits 20 percent in 2035 while the percentage of poor roads is projected to increase from 33 percent to 52 percent.

“Up until 2035, I believe it is, we see and continue to have a deterioration in our road network and pavement condition forecast,” TAMC Chair Joanna **JOHNSON** said. The report also found 67 bridges closed in 2023 due to poor conditions.

## Pavement Condition Forecast

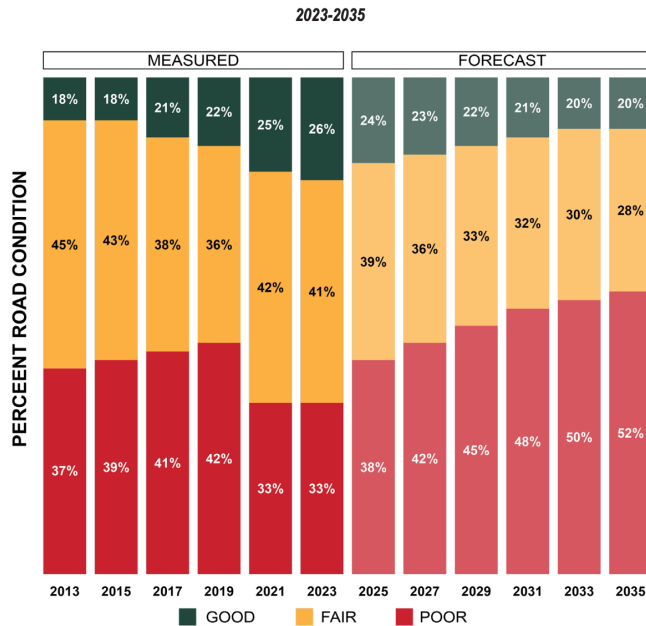


FIGURE 7 – Source: 2023 TAMC

Johnson said the TAMC forecast has proven reliable with the paved federal roads, but there were also the local roads that consisted of about 165,000 lane-miles. There was some data on the conditions of those roads, which were both paved and gravel.

“We really do not have a statewide comprehensive non-federal aid, road network data condition both on the gravel, as well as hard surface. So that is something we’re going to continue to work on in 2024 and 2025,” Johnson said.

She said the extra money given to TAMC in the fiscal year 2025 budget would help get that data pinned down.

The State Transportation Commission also approved the [draft version](#) of the 2025-2029 Five-Year Transportation Program and interactive map for 30 days of public comment.

The report has a list of the future MDOT highway projects and the long-term goals of the organization.

“Primarily investments in trunkline highway, roads and bridges, as well as public transportation and aeronautics over the next five years starting in fiscal year 25,” said MDOT Five-Year Transportation Program Specialist Michael **CASE**.

Case said there would also be a continued push for equity and inclusion, transportation resiliency and complete streets mobility program.

He said there was \$15.3 billion in anticipated state and federally funded investments.

Of that, there would be \$10.6 billion in highway projects, which would see the last \$270 million coming from the Rebuilding Michigan bonding program.

Case said there were three projects that would see that money.

“Not all the funds that are on those projects are bond funds, some of the funds are federal, as well,” he said.

There would be \$3.6 billion for public transportation, which includes carpool parking, railroads and buses.

There would be \$1 billion headed to the aeronautics section.

The report is also required to be delivered to the Michigan Legislature by March 1 and the full report is expected to be brought to the Commission in November.

State Transportation Commission Chair Michael **HAYES** suggested there be mention of the Gordie Howe International Bridge.

“I realize there’s no state dollars going into that, but it is an integral part of what’s going on in the state transportation future,” Hayes said.