MITA In The News

CBS Detroit
"We Deserve Better" Says Infrastructure VP on Condition of Mich. Bridges
May 6, 2014
This article quotes Mike Nystrom of MITA regarding MITA's bridge study press release, and the writer of the story adds an ironic twist: "as if on cue, Tuesday afternoon a large hole developed on the approach to the Rouge River Bridge, stalling traffic and sending repair crews to the rush hour scene."

The Detroit News
Wayne County Has Worst Bridges in Michigan
May 6, 2014
A study by MITA of 11,000 state and local bridges shows Wayne County ranks first for having the highest number and highest percentage of structurally deficient and functionally obsolete bridges. The statewide analysis (based on Michigan's 2014 National Bridge Inventory data) reviewed bridge conditions on 10,929 state and local bridges, of which 1 in 4 (2,843) were either structurally deficient or functionally obsolete.

Wood TV
Report: 100 Kent County Bridges Need Repair
May 6, 2014
Kent County has the sixth most bridges in need of repair, according to this article, based on MITA's analysis of bridge data.

Mlive
Kent County Ranks In Top Ten For Deficient, Obsolete Bridges In Michigan
May 6, 2014
This article about the MITA bridge analysis includes a quote from John Richard, a spokesman for MDOT, who says that "roads and bridges are underinvested, and they're starting to show. A lot of these bridges are old. They need either rehabilitation or replacement."

ABC 12
Thousands Of Mid-Michigan Bridges Don't Make the Grade
May 6, 2014
This report about the MITA bridge analysis quotes a local farmer regarding one particular bridge on Orr Road in Saginaw County. "It's a pain in the butt. We farm ground down here. You can't get nothing across it. We have two semis, we have four wheel driver tractors and you got to go around."

MINBC
[Report Gives Low Rank to Genesee County Bridges](#)
May 6, 2014
John Daly, director of the Genesee County Road Commission, says the MITA bridge condition report is not a surprise, and that in addition to funding falling short, the county has a significant amount of bridges because of its geography.

Mlive
[Genesee County Bridges Called Second Worst in the State](#)
May 6, 2014
This article about the MITA bridge analysis includes a quote from the Genesee County Road Commission Manager/Director John Daly who says "it's important to remember that although these designations (regarding bridge conditions) sound harsh, they don't mean the bridge is going to fall apart." He also said that the solution to modernizing bridges is additional revenue.

WNEM
[Michigan's Infrastructure Crisis: Bridges Are On The Brink Of Failure](#)
May 6, 2014
Mike Nystrom of MITA is quoted in reference to the number of bridges in need of repair: "We're going in the wrong direction now. The numbers continue to escalate each year we do nothing."

Macomb Daily
[Macomb County Ranks Fourth In The State For Bad Bridges](#)
May 6, 2014
According to MITA's analysis, Macomb County stands fourth in the total number of bad bridges in the state, but only tied for 22nd place in the percentage of bad bridges (26 percent) that are structurally deficient or functionally obsolete.

WILX-TV
[Ingham County Tops Michigan Rankings for Bad Bridges](#)
May 6, 2014
Ingham County ranks 4th in the state when it comes to the percentage of bridges rated structurally deficient or functionally obsolete, according to MITA's analysis.

WLNS TV
[One-Quarter of Michigan's Bridges Need Major Repairs](#)
May 6, 2014
"There are bridges where chunks of concrete are falling off them, hitting cars below, landing on the road below, causing an accident in a sense that somebody hits that piece of concrete. It's definitely going to do damage to their car. Think about how many bridges you go over on a daily basis. One in eight bridges are structurally deficient that causes me to be a little uneasy and I understand the

whole deal," said Mike Nystrom, Executive VP, Michigan Infrastructure and Transportation Association.