

# **Nev. bridges strong, but upgrades needed**

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The majority of Nevada's bridges are in good to fair condition, but the state faces a \$133 million shortfall to upgrade a handful of spans, officials said this week.

Of the 2,008 bridges maintained or receiving assistance from the Nevada Department of Transportation, only 31 are considered to be in poor condition, said Reid Kaiser, NDOT's assistant operations director.

Federal laws require all structures to undergo assessments at least once every two years, leading to \$17 million in repairs for 27 bridges across Nevada in 2015 and 2016, NDOT officials said.

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