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Twenty-three percent of the nation's major metropolitan roads - interstates, freeways and other critical local routes - have pavements in poor condition, resulting in rough rides and costing the average urban motorist \$413 annually in additional vehicle operating costs due to accelerated vehicle deterioration, additional maintenance needs and increased fuel consumption, according to a new report released by TRIP. According to the TRIP report, continued increase in urban traffic is putting significant wear and tear on the nation's urban roads. Overall travel on urban roads increased by 39 percent from 1990 to 2005; urban travel by large commercial trucks grew at an even faster rate, increasing by 49 percent from 1990 to 2005.

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