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Survey: Nearly Three-Quarters Of Area Roads In Poor Or Mediocre Condition



NEW YORK (CBSNewYork) – Weather and neglect are taking a toll on roads in the New York City metropolitan area, according to a new survey.

The report by TRIP, a transportation research group, found that 43 percent of major roads are in poor condition, while an additional 30 percent are in mediocre condition, 1010 WINS' Al Jones reported.

The survey also found that area drivers spend about \$700 in repairs due to rough roads.



"I have talked to members who have spent thousands of dollars repairing damage, so this is a serious quality-of-life issue," said John Corlett with AAA.

Felice Farber with the General Contractors Association said the message is clear: "Increase funding for roads and bridges, rather than watch the condition of our infrastructure continue to worsen."

New York City Council Transportation Committee Chairman Ydanis Rodriguez, D-Manhattan, said motorists pay a lot in gas taxes and fees, but for too long have been short-changed by Albany and Washington.

Carolyn Kelly with TRIP said her group does not make recommendations on where funding should come from.

We leave that up to the public and the elected officials to decide how best to raise those needed funds," she said.