

Sacramento Roadways Ranked Among Worst In Nation In TRIP Report

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Cars drive on Highway 50 in Sacramento. Andrew Nixon / Capital Public Radio

Sacramento's roads and highways are some of the worst in the nation, according to a new report by TRIP, a national nonprofit that rates road conditions.

TRIP, which is sponsored by insurance companies, labor union and construction and engineering groups, says that one third of the nation's major urban roadways are in poor condition.

The Bay Area has the worst highways and roads in the country, followed by the San Jose and Los Angeles areas, according to the report. Sacramento was ranked 12th, with TRIP saying that 41 percent of the city's major roadways are in poor shape.

TRIP's Carolyn Kelly co-authored the report. She says that Sacramento's cruddy roads cost drivers \$754 a year.

"So that's the cost of additional repairs and maintenance that you may have to make if you hit a pothole," she said. "It's also the cost of accelerated depreciation and increased tire wear and less efficient fuel consumption."

Sacramento was ranked 14th in the nation for vehicle operating costs in the report. The Bay Area, San Jose and Milwaukee were the cities with the highest costs.

The current backlog in needed road and highway rehabilitation in the U.S. is \$420 billion, according to the U.S. Department of Transportation.

Worst Roadways in Large Urban Areas

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Large Urban Areas - 500K+	State	Poor Road Share
San Francisco-Oakland	CA	71%
San Jose	CA	64%
Los Angeles-Long Beach- Anaheim	CA	57%
Milwaukee	WI	54%
Honolulu	HI	54%
Akron	ОН	49%
Cleveland	OH	49%
New York-Newark	NY-NJ-CT	46%
Providence	RI-MA	46%
Philadelphia	PA-NJ-DE- MD	43%
Seattle	WA	41%
Sacramento	CA	41%
Riverside-San Bernardino	CA	40%
Memphis	TN-MS-AR	40%
Bridgeport-Stamford	CT-NY	40%
Fresno	CA	40%
Denver-Aurora	CO	40%
Baton Rouge	LA	38%
Colorado Springs	CO	37%
Oklahoma City	OK	37%

Large urban areas with a population of 500,000 or more.

Source: TRIP

Worst Roadways in Mid-Sized Urban Areas

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Mid-Sized Urban Areas	State	Poor Road Share
Antioch	CA	57%
Concord	CA	56%
Madison	WI	49%
Oxnard	CA	48%
Round Lake Beach- McHenry-Grayslake	IL-WI	44%
Jackson	MS	44%
Santa Rosa	CA	43%
Green Bay	WI	43%
Stockton	CA	43%
Victorville-Hesperia	CA	42%
Appleton	WI	41%
Santa Clarita	CA	41%
Laredo	TX	40%
Lafayette	LA	40%
Lubbock	TX	39%
Fayetteville-Springdale- Rogers	AR- MO	38%
Thousand Oaks	CA	38%
Canton	ОН	38%
Little Rock	AR	38%
Modesto	CA	37%

Mid-sized urban areas with a population between 200,000 and 500,000.

Source: TRIP