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Study: Hundreds per year for Oahu pothole fixes

HONOLULU (AP) -- A new study says the poor condition of Oahu's roads is costing the average driver about \$700 more per year on vehicle repairs.

And that's before recent heavy rains and flooding carved out new potholes across the island.

Washington, D.C.-based nonprofit group TRIP, or The Road Information Program, will release its study Thursday. The study ranks Honolulu as having the fourth-highest of major U.S. cities for additional wear and tear costs behind San Jose, Calif., Los Angeles and San Francisco.

The study says 47 percent of Hawaii's major roadways are "poor" and 14 percent are "mediocre." The study doesn't detail outer island costs, which are lower.

The Honolulu Star-Advertiser reports (<http://bit.ly/yQfWAC>) during the week of March 4 through 10, the city says it received 243 requests to fix potholes.

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