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TRIP Report: Decaying Urban Roads Costly to Drivers

Roadways in poor condition in urban regions cost motorists as much as \$1,000 annually, a nonprofit transportation group noted in a report this month.

A review of urban areas with 500,000 residents or more found that Oklahoma City drivers pay the highest annually in vehicle operating cost at \$1,025, followed by Tulsa, Oklahoma, at \$998, San Francisco-Oakland at \$978, the Los Angeles-Long Beach area at \$892, and Detroit at \$865, according to TRIP, which is based in Washington, D.C.



Overall, the group estimated driving on roads in need of repair result in \$523 annually in additional vehicle operating costs to average drivers. That came out to \$112 billion nationwide. The estimates rely on federal data.

To improve the roadways, TRIP recommended road builders use longer-lasting pavement materials and designs, resurface roads more frequently and maintain an “aggressive pothole patching program that uses the best material available.”

“Invest adequately to ensure that 75% of local road surfaces are in good condition,” according to TRIP.

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