

STUDY: Deficient roads cost New Yorkers \$24.9B annually

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UTICA, N.Y. – A report by TRIP, a national transportation research group, shows that deficient roads and bridges cost New Yorkers approximately \$24.9 billion annually due to “higher vehicle operating costs, traffic crashes and congestion-related delays.”



That equals more than \$1500 per driver in the Utica area in the form of extra vehicle operating costs from driving on roads needing repair, lost time and fuel due to delays, and costs of traffic crashes where roadway was contributing factor.

A breakdown of the costs per motorist in each area along with a statewide total is below.

Urban Area	VOC	Safety	Congestion	TOTAL
Albany	\$480	\$528	\$991	\$1,999
Binghamton	\$375	\$649	\$382	\$1,406
Buffalo	\$390	\$565	\$918	\$1,873
New York City Metro	\$791	\$268	\$1,739	\$2,798
Poughkeepsie-Newburgh	\$531	\$884	\$867	\$2,282
Rochester	\$314	\$488	\$889	\$1,691
Syracuse	\$547	\$586	\$530	\$1,663
Utica	\$260	\$825	\$433	\$1,518
New York State	\$6.3 Billion	\$6.2 Billion	\$12.4 Billion	\$24.9 Billion

The report found that that 27 percent of major roads in the Utica urban area are in “poor or mediocre condition.”

“These conditions are only going to get worse if greater funding is not made available at the local, state and federal levels,” said Will Wilkins, TRIP’s executive director. “Without additional transportation funding New York’s transportation system will become increasingly deteriorated and congested, the state will miss out on opportunities for economic growth and quality of life will suffer.”

The full report can be read in the documents tab above.