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**TRANSCRIPT**

**REPORTER:** If you drive around New York, you can probably guess this one...More than one third of our major roads are in poor condition so says the non-profit transportation research group TRIP. Carolyn Kelly is the associate director

**CAROLYN KELLY:** And we've also calculated what we call the extra vehicle operating cost as a result of driving on deficient roads. Our report finds that the average New York City driver loses almost \$700 each year as a result of driving on rough roads. Those costs come in the form of extra vehicle repairs, accelerated vehicle depreciation, maintenance cost, tire wear and fuel consumption.

**REPORTER:** The report also says almost 40 percent of local and state maintained bridges in New York show significant deterioration or don't meet current design standards with narrow lanes, low clearances or poor alignment.

