

## Cost to repair Oklahoma highways could go up if lawmakers do nothing



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A study by a research group shows that road conditions in Oklahoma have improved in recent years, but those conditions could be in jeopardy because of budget cuts.

**PATTY:** OKLAHOMA CITY DRIVERS LOSE NEARLY \$2200 A YEAR BY DRIVING ON BAD AND CONGESTED ROADS. THE STUDY BY TRIP A NATIONAL NONPROFIT RESEARCH

GROUP DOES SHOW CONDITIONS HAVE IMPROVED IN OKLAHOMA IN RECENT YEARS.

**ROCKY MORETTI:** THE STATE'S MAKING PROGRESS BUT TO CONTINUE THAT PROGRESS YOU HAVE TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT A LEVEL OF FUNDING THAT WILL ALLOW THAT.

**PATTY:** THE REPORT SHOWS BRIDGE CONDITIONS HAVE IMPROVED SIGNIFICANTLY, BUT TRAFFIC AND SURFACE CONDITION STILL NEED HELP. AND JUST RECENTLY ODOT ANNOUNCED IT WAS PUTTING THE BRAKES ON A DOZEN PROJECTS AND 80 OTHERS WERE ON STAND BY AFTER THE AGENCY RAN OUT OF MONEY.

**MIKE PATTERSON:** WE MADE THE IMPROVEMENTS WE COULD WITH THE MONEY PROVIDED.

**PATTY:** THIS YEAR LAW MAKERS TOOK: AWAY ODOT'S SOURCE OF FUNDING - A POSSIBLE REPLACEMENT, ADDING A FUEL TAX.

**MIKE PATTERSON:** WE STILL HAVE SURFACE CONDITIONS WE NEED TO IMPROVE.

**ROCKY MORETTI:** IF YOU DON'T HAVE THE BUDGET IN PLACE TO MAKE THOSE ONGOING REPAIRS, THE LONGER YOU WAIT THE MORE IT COSTS.