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.