

Report: Sacramento's Bad, Crowded Roads Cost Drivers \$2,200 Annually

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SACRAMENTO -- A new study shows that deteriorating pavement and congested roadways are costing Sacramento driver an average of \$2,200 every year.

The study was done by a national transportation research group called TRIP.

Damaged roads alone, which can lead to more vehicle maintenance, cost drivers \$750 every year.

"I actually have a chip in my window from debris that flew up off the side of the highway," driver Elaine Engott said. "I also had to replace a tire due to hitting a pothole."

Engott said replacing the tire was more than \$400.

But it's not just damaged cars caused by deteriorating roads. The TRIP study also shows drivers pay nearly a thousand dollars annually for fuel and lost time because of traffic congestion.

"Used to be just during rush hour. Now, it doesn't matter what time of day unless it's 3 in the morning. You're going to sit there for 15, 20, 30 minutes and hope somebody doesn't crash into you," driver Craig Marchione said.

On top of that, crashes cost drivers \$420 each year.