

Study: California's bad roads costing drivers thousands per year

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(KGTV) - A new study examines the hidden costs California drivers face when traveling on the state's deteriorating and congested roads.

According to transportation research group TRIP, driving on California's deficient roadways costs state motorists \$61 billion per year. The calculation is based on vehicle operating costs as a result of driving on rough roads, time and gas lost due to traffic, and the costs of traffic accidents.

In San Diego, bad roads cost each motorist \$1,941 a year.

Additionally, San Diego drivers spend an average of 43 hours in traffic each year, at a cost of \$920 annually.

Traffic accidents cost San Diegans more than \$300 per year, according to the study.

The study shows 64 percent of San Diego's major roads and highways are in either poor or mediocre condition, with only 17 percent considered to be in good condition.

When it comes to San Diego's 1,591 bridges, the study reveals 64 of them are deemed structurally deficient and in need of improvement.

The city of San Diego's budget for 2018 contains record amounts of money to help alleviate some of the infrastructure problems addressed in the TRIP study.

Proposition 6, a measure on the November 2018 ballot, would repeal a state transportation bill that the TRIP study concludes would reduce the amount of revenue available statewide for projects that would address California's road issues.

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