Driving on San Francisco, Oakland roads cost drivers $3,000 a year, study says

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A new study finds that driving on San Francisco and Oakland roads cost the average driver thousands of dollars in extra vehicle operating costs.

There are hidden costs of bad or deficient roads, according to a study by TRIP – which calls itself a national transportation research group.

The study found that drivers taking San Francisco and Oakland roads will spend an average $2,992 dollars a year in extra vehicle costs.

The result of driving on roads that need repair – such as one riddled with potholes -- are lost time and lost fuel by being stuck in traffic, as well as costly traffic accidents.

The report finds that 87 percent of major local and state roadways are in poor or mediocre condition and driving on those rough roads leads to tire wear and more vehicle repairs that can depreciate your car's value.

And everyone is probably very aware of how much fuel their cars consume on long commutes and being stuck in traffic.

The group does turn political, throwing support for Senate Bill 1, which passed in 2017, which increased registration fees to pay for modern road upgrades.