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Report: Denver drivers losing more than \$2,300 a year on congested, deteriorated roads



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Congested, deteriorated roads are costing Denver drivers \$2,300 per year, according to TRIP, a national transportation research group.

The report, "Colorado Transportation by the Numbers: Meeting the State's Need for Safe, Smooth and Efficient Mobility," looked at congestion, highway safety, transportation funding and other factors.

The Colorado Department of Transportation has said it has a \$9 Billion backlog of transportation projects that it hasn't been able to fund.

The state legislature increased funding during the 2017 legislative session and the 2018 legislative session.

The 2018-19 fiscal year revenue forecast for CDOT is \$1,624,081,238.

The bill passed at the end of the legislative session last month should add another \$372,500,00 to the budget.

In November, voters will likely be asked to pass a [sales tax to help with the backlog](#).

Both of Colorado Gubernatorial candidates have a plan to help improve our roads.

Republican [Walker Stapleton, on his campaign website](#), said, "Our transportation gridlock amounts to a hidden tax on all Coloradans, and fixing this issue is of the utmost importance, not only to our overall quality of life, but also to our state economy as a whole. As Governor, I will demand results from the Department of Transportation (CDOT)."

Democrat Jared Polis, on his campaign website, said he will work with a diverse group of stakeholders to, "identify new sources of revenue and wisely invest where it's needed most, such as relieving congestion across the state, improving rural roads, and fixing potholes that damage our vehicles and cause accidents."

