

## Report: Poorly-maintained roads cost Metro drivers big bucks



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A new report says deteriorating roads in Johnson and Wyandotte County are costing close to \$1,600 a year.

The report takes into account several factors, said Rocky Moretti, Director of Policy and Research for TRIP, a national transportation research group.

"That's the cost of maintaining your vehicle on rough roads, which is beating up your car or truck," Moretti said. "It's the cost of delays, being stuck in traffic, and then also it's the economic cost of traffic crashes."

Moretti said hefty pricetag will only get worse, especially if Kansas continues to raid money from its department of transportation to put money into the general fund to balance the budget.