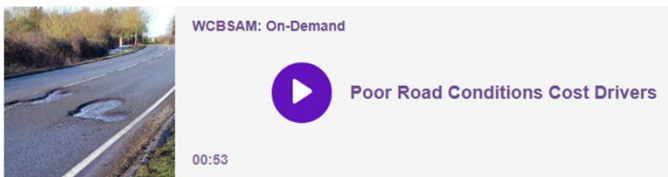


Report: Poor Road Conditions Cost Drivers \$25 Billion Each Year



NEW YORK (WCBS 880) — The poor condition of roads in New York could be costing drivers more than a combined \$20 billion each year, according to a new report.



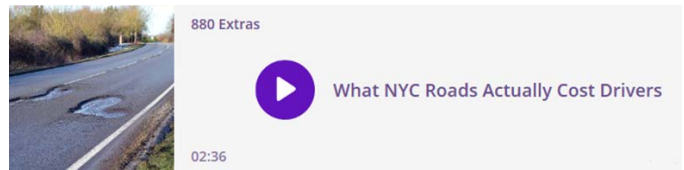
The Transportation Reimbursement Incentive Program (TRIP) reports that about two-thirds of roads in the Greater New York City area are either in poor or mediocre condition.

TRIP's associate director of research and communication Carolyn Kelly also says those frequent bumpy rides cost drivers about \$2,800 each year.

"That's in the form of lost time and wasted fuel as a result of traffic congestion," Kelly explained.

She said it's also in the form of "extra vehicle operation costs," which is the financial cost of rough roads beating up your vehicle.

TRIP published the report in an effort to show state lawmakers the hidden costs caused by not improving the city's roads and infrastructures.



"The amount of money that drivers are already losing each year is exponentially higher than what it would take to repair the roads in the first place, and keep them in good condition, so that drivers aren't burdened with this heavy price tag," Kelly said.

TRIP's analysis estimates drivers are losing a combined \$25 billion dollars a year. Kelly says TRIP has not put together a cost estimate for the repairs.