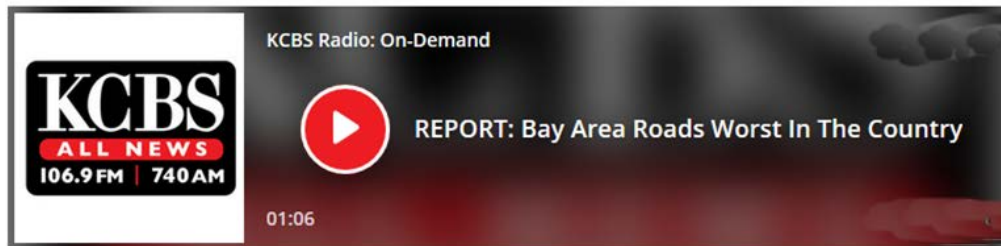




Bay Area: Worst Roads in America New Report Targets Crumbling Urban Streets

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SAN FRANCISCO (KCBS Radio) -- A new report on the condition of urban roads in America confirms what Bay Area drivers already know: our region's roads are falling apart.

The nonprofit organization [TRIP](#), which describes itself as "a national transportation research group", found 71% of the surface streets in San Francisco and Oakland are in "poor" condition. That topped the list among large urban areas (populations greater than 500,000). San Jose was in second place, with 64% of its roads considered to be in "poor" condition.

Among mid-sized urban areas (populations between 200,000 and 500,000), The Bay Area also ranked 1-2, with Antioch (57% of roads in "poor" condition) edging out Concord (56%).

[The TRIP report](#) derived its data from the 2016 Federal Highway Administration survey of state transportation officials on road conditions.

TRIP attempted to calculate the cost to motorists of the shoddy roads. The organization said the average American motorist loses nearly \$600 annually because of increased vehicle repairs, accelerated depreciation, and tire repairs that can be blamed on substandard roads.

But the number is dramatically higher in the Bay Area, where TRIP estimates the per-vehicle cost of bad roads at over \$1,000 a year.