

Report: condition of Wisconsin roads costing drivers money



WISCONSIN (WSAW) - A report by a national transportation research group says driving on Wisconsin roads is costing drivers a total of \$6.8 billion each year.

TRIP, a non-profit based in Washington D.C., released a report today saying on average drivers pay about \$2,321 per year due to higher vehicle operating costs, traffic crashes and congestion-related delays.

The report broke down the numbers by area too.

The report says in Wausau, drivers typically pay an average of \$885 in vehicle care, \$325 in safety, \$306 in congestion for a total of \$1,517 per year.

The report also looked at the condition of Wisconsin roads.

It found in Wausau, 51% of roads are in poor condition, 16% are in mediocre condition, 12% are in fair condition and 22% are in good condition. The only major city in Wisconsin with more roads in poor condition is Milwaukee.

In a new Marquette Law School Poll, released Tuesday, only 5% of registered voters said roads where they live are in excellent condition. 32% said roads were in poor condition.