How much are Alabamians currently spending on gas taxes and where is that money going?

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MOBILE, ALA. (WALA)- The American Petroleum Institute lists Alabamians paying more than $0.39 per gallon in taxes on gas. Of that, about $0.21 comes from state taxes and about $0.18 from federal taxes.

The $0.39 Alabamians pay per gallon is lower than the national average of $0.53.

According to the Alabama State Treasurers Office, the money you're spending on gas taxes is distributed to cities and counties which in turn is used for road building and maintenance.

Governor Kay Ivey argues more is needed for that. She sites a February 2019 study by TRIP, a national transportation research group, says Alabamians are losing $5.3 billion dollars each year as a result of driving on deficient roadways. The study further breaks it down by major cities in Alabama, saying if you live in Mobile, for example, deficient roads are likely costing the average driver nearly $16,000 annually.

The major factors being congestion, repairs and accidents because of bad roads.