

New report released confirming Maryland's traffic congestion is getting worse



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As for the state's most congested highways, on the morning commute, number two on the list is the 695 outer loop from I-795 to Edmonson Avenue.

Number three, the outer loop once again from U.S. 1 to Maryland 41. For the evening commute, the busiest stretch of road in the state is the inner loop from md 139 to MD 542.

HANOVER, Md. — A new report released Thursday confirms what most commuters already know, traffic congestion affects Maryland resident's quality of life and the state's economic development.

According to a national transportation group in Maryland, including the Baltimore region, has some of the worst road congestion in the country here at the transportation state operation center and handover they see that congestion every day only getting worse.

"The state needs to very aggressively address traffic congestion," said Rocky Moretti, director of research and policy of TRIP.

Representatives from TRIP, a national transportation non-profit research group in Hanover with some startling news about the region's traffic, it's some of the worst in the country.

"The report found above the 1.9 million jobs available here in the Baltimore area only 30% of those jobs are accessible in a 30-minute time frame," said Moretti.

Some other highlights drivers in Baltimore lose 50 hours of their lives to congestion, which equals about \$1,200 per year.

"We have I believe a congestion emergency with in the state that we have to treat as an emergency," said Pete Rahn, secretary of transportation of the Maryland Department of Transpiration.

Rahn calls the situation dire and says it's only getting worse. He says a number of initiatives have been put forth since 2016 that have saved \$1.6 billion in delays, fuel consumption and emissions, but more needs to be done.

"Congestion is a problem has been a problem and will be a problem if we do not act decisively with the governors traffic relief plan," said Rahn.

Gov. Larry Hogan's plan includes widening of highways, traffic relief, expansion of express tolls and more mass transit.

And if you'd like to take a closer look at that report, you can access it here.