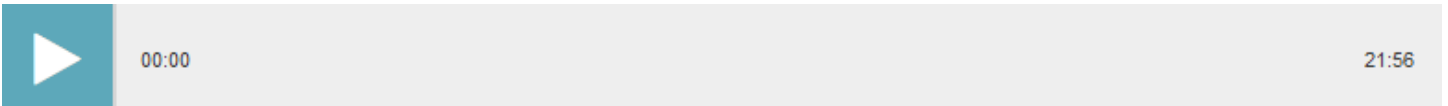


Study: Bad Roads Cost Michiganders \$14 Billion Each Year



The study suggests a 45-cent gas gas increase could actually save motorists hundreds of dollars each year.

A new study says Michigan's crumbling roads [cost motorists over \\$14 billion a year in added costs](#) due to vehicle damage, congestion-related delays, and auto accidents. The study was conducted by the national transportation research nonprofit [TRIP](#).

In the Detroit area, drivers pay an average of \$824 dollars a year in added vehicle operating costs, not including safety and congestion costs, according to the report. That's compared to less than \$300 dollars per year Gov. Gretchen Whitmer expects the average person to pay under [her proposed gas tax increase](#).

Could those numbers convince more Michiganders to get behind a large tax increase to help fix the roads?

Rocky Moretti is the director of policy and research with TRIP. He joins [Detroit Today with Stephen Henderson](#) to talk about the report.

Listeners also call in to express their thoughts on the study, how much crumbling roads are costing them, and whether they support a large gas tax increase.

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