

Deficient roads are costing Michigan drivers billions of dollars

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Deficient roads are costing Michigan drivers billions of dollars (PHOTO: MGN Mike Mozart CC BY 2.0)

MID-MICHIGAN - 14-point-one-billion dollars, that's how much the trip report says deficient roads cost Michigan drivers each year.

The study from a national non-profit looks at lost money for operating vehicles traffic crashes and wasted time and fuel, from congestion.

In Flint, the report shows drivers lose more than 19-hundred dollars annually.

In Saginaw, Bay City, and Midland, the cost is more than 14-hundred dollars.

The cringe-worthy crash from driving over potholes.

Here on Center Road in Burton, drivers get their fair share.

City Lights Beauty Bar owner Twan Walker has dealt with this going to work for nearly a year.

Walkers says, "it's a bumpy mess. It's hard to you think about all the potholes and you think about the affects it's having on your car."

He says he just paid 500 dollars for car repairs because of potholes, but they're costing him even more.

Walker says, "it probably hurts my walk in clientele because people aren't just cruising down this road because it's bad you come down it once and you think I'm not going that way again."

Walker agrees with the trip report's claim that deficient roads cost Flint area drivers more than 19-hundred dollars a year.

The study's author, Carolyn Kelly, says the 2015 state approved funding is helping.

A Trip official says, "but even with that additional funding dozens of projects still remain on the drawing board because there's simply not enough transportation funding to move forward."

Even still walker wonders when crews will repair this road for good.

Walker as much as construction is being down every year it seems like the road is never fixed.