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CT drivers face some of the worst roads in America

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City of Stamford Highways Division employees from left, Kevin Cuevas and Eric Adams spread asphalt to patch potholes along Wardwell Street on Thursday, April 11, 2019 in Stamford, Connecticut.

The Bridgeport-Stamford corridor has some of the worst, poorly maintained roads in the country, according to data released by AAA.

Included in a recent email to members, [AAA listed the worst urban roadways in the nation](#), and the Bridgeport-Stamford corridor — considered for the purposes of the report to be a single urban area — ranks at number 15.

Driving in the area costs car owners an additional \$730, due to the condition of roadways.

What defines a “poor” road? “Roads rated as poor may have cracked or broken pavements. These roads often show significant signs of pavement wear and deterioration,” according to the national transportation research group TRIP. “They may also have significant distress in their underlying foundation. Road or highway surfaces rated poor provide an unacceptable ride quality and are in need of resurfacing and some need to be reconstructed to correct problems in the underlying structure.”

Of all the roadways in the area, 40 percent are in “poor” condition. An additional 29 percent are considered “mediocre.” Only 31 percent of local roads are considered to be in “good” or “fair” condition.

If you think living in a rural area means better roads, think again. Connecticut ranked number 12 in states for the worst rural roadways.