

## Report finds poor road conditions are costing drivers thousands a year



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PHOENIX — A new report by TRIP, a national transportation non-profit, finds bad road conditions are costing Phoenix and Mesa residents an extra \$2,009 a year.

That's over \$9 billion statewide.



The organization says the cost is made up by the amount of time and fuel you lose by sitting in traffic, the repairs you make to your car because of road conditions and the costs associated with traffic crashes due to road conditions.

Rocky Moretti, with Trip, says the data compiled by state and federal agencies also shows Arizona has the fourth highest traffic fatality rate in the country.

"That is a staggering figure and utterly unacceptable," he said.

Deputy Director of the League of Arizona Cities and Towns Rene Guillen says they can use the data in the report to fight for more funding for roads at the legislature.

The League represents the interests of all 91 incorporated cities and towns in Arizona.

"We would love to have a conversation with the state legislature about how we modernize that system," he said. "As a driver today, as a resident in Arizona, we're paying the cost. So there's really a need there and we really hope it drives a conversation about what can be done."

To read the full report, click [here](#).