

Report Shows Road Conditions Cost Binghamton Area Drivers Nearly \$1,400 Annually

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A report done by A National Transportation Research Nonprofit, or TRIP, shows that road conditions in the Binghamton area are costing drivers money.

According to TRIP's new report, the average driver in the Binghamton area loses \$1,383 annually as a result of driving on roads that are deteriorated, congested and that lack some desirable safety features. This accounts for cost of lost time, the wear and tear on vehicles and fuel. The report shows that 33% of major roads in the area have pavement in poor condition and then another 15% are in mediocre condition. Binghamton drivers on average spend an additional 16 hours and 7 gallons of fuel annually in traffic delays due to road congestion. Also, 6% of bridges in the area are rated structurally deficient and are in need of significant repairs or replacement.

TRIP Director of Policy and Research Rocky Moretti says some of these conditions can cost drivers more than time and money.

"Over the last 5 years on average in the Binghamton area there have been 29 people killed annually in traffic crashes," says Moretti. "That's a number that can be reduced by implementing cost effective roadway safety features."

Moretti was a part of a virtual news conference this morning with New York State Assembly members to emphasize the importance of transportation funding statewide.