

Study says average Rochester driver loses \$1,600 each year due to bad road conditions



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ROCHESTER, N.Y. (WHEC) — Road conditions in Rochester are costing drivers some serious cash every year, according to one study.

The study from the transportation research group Trip found that the average driver in the city loses more than \$1,600 every year.

The cost comes from things like vehicle maintenance, crashes due to bad road conditions, or even just the cost of sitting in traffic.

The group is calling on local governments to invest in more projects to fix roads and bridges, which could be an important initiative for creating and keeping jobs during the pandemic.

"It supports numerous jobs in the initial phase of making those repairs, but in the long-term, numerous jobs in New York State rest on the quality of a good transportation system," says Rocky Moretti, the Trip Director of Policy and Research.

The federal program that provides the state with funding for these projects received a one-year extension last September, but Trip says it is important that Congress work out a long-term plan.