

New Report Finds Charlotte Drivers Lose \$2K/year due to Poor Roads & Traffic Congestion

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[CHARLOTTE](#), N.C. – Getting stuck in traffic and dealing with rough roads isn't just frustrating.

It's costing you money!

A new study puts a price tag on your traffic misery.

According to national transportation research non-profit [TRIP](#), drivers in Charlotte lose nearly \$2,000 a year as a result of lost time and wasted gas.

Growth is a big factor.

"I started working in South End 20 years ago, and I used to make the drive in 15 minutes, and it's 30 minutes now," says Charlotte driver Joe Shinn.

Research found North Carolina traffic is up 37% since the year 2000.

That's the fifth highest rate of growth in the country.

"The current investment in its transportation system is inadequate," says Rocky Moretti, with TRIP.

Advocates say North Carolina needs \$2 billion more in transportation funding to keep pace and keep drivers and their passengers safe.

"There's a variety of roadway safety improvements that can be made from adding rumble strips, paving shoulders, to improving facilities for bicyclists and pedestrians," Moretti says.