

## Rough roads cost Madison drivers \$2,100 annually, report says

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Motorists drive in the Flex Lane on the Madison Beltline. WISC-TV/Channel3000.

MADISON, Wis. -- Rough roads and bridges cost the Madison area driver more than \$2,100 each year when it comes to vehicle maintenance, crashes and congestion delays, according to a new report.

The report, released Wednesday by the Washington, D.C.-based transportation research group TRIP, concluded deteriorated and congested roads cost Wisconsinites a total of \$7.6 billion annually.

Statewide, 25% of roads are in poor condition and 20% are considered "mediocre," the report said. In Madison, 45% are considered to be in poor condition and 29% are considered mediocre.

Madison came in at the second-highest urban area in the state when it came to costs experienced due to road-related issues; in the Milwaukee area, that figure is nearly \$2,500 each year.

Read the full report here.