

Report: Las Cruces drivers lose thousands annually due to poor infrastructure

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Pothole (Credit: KFOX14/CBS4)

EL PASO, Texas (KFOX14/CBS4) — A new report on roads in New Mexico suggests drivers could be losing thousands of dollars every year due to poor infrastructure.

A new study conducted by TRIP, a national transportation research non-profit based in Washington D.C. found that drivers in the Las Cruces area lose an average of \$1,987 annually due to crumbling roads and infrastructure.

The report, entitled “New Mexico Transportation by the Numbers: Meeting the State’s need for safe, smooth and efficient mobility,” examined road and bridge conditions, congestion and highway safety statewide and in the Albuquerque, Las Cruces and Santa Fe urban areas.

"The problem we have actually is human capital, and translating the ability to assign those resources in a way that's going to make a proactive difference and solve some of these issues we see in the infrastructure and in transportation and development," said Dayan Hochman-Vigil, a New Mexico State Representative and Chair of the Transportation, Public Works & Capital Improvements Committee.

TRIP's report also found nearly \$6.6 billion is needed to improve transportation around the state, including \$1.4 billion in Las Cruces alone.