

Traverse City drivers lose nearly \$1.8K annually due to road conditions, report says

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Traffic is pictured on Grandview Parkway in Traverse City, Mich., in this July 8, 2024, photo. (UpNorthLive News)

TRAVERSE CITY, Mich., (WPBN/WGTU) -- Traverse City drivers would be \$1,787 richer each year on average if roads were in better condition, according to [a report](#) from TRIP, a nonprofit organization.

The report factored in extra vehicle operating costs caused by driving on roads in need of repair, lost time and fuel due to congestion-related delays, as well as the costs of traffic crashes in which road safety features were found to be lacking.

The [report shows](#) road funding from Michigan's fuel tax, a one-time bond in 2019 and the 2021 Federal Infrastructure Act are all being outpaced by inflation.

TRIP said its funding comes from companies in the highway construction industry and its mission is "to generate widespread public concern" about the need for reconstruction of roads and bridges.

Tuesday's report calls for an additional \$3.9 billion for road construction in Michigan.