

'It's pretty ridiculous': Residents react to new report showing how much drivers in Colorado Springs are spending due to road conditions



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COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (KKTU) -In a new report from TRIP, a national transportation research nonprofit, they say motorists are spending an average of \$2,610 due to poor road conditions in the Colorado Springs Area.

"We have not really prioritized adequate bridge and structure road maintenance. It's become a significant concern around the state," said Jeff Thormodsgaard, Vice President of Government Affairs, Colorado Springs Chamber and EDC

According to officials with TRIP, they say 28% of roadways are in poor condition and 46% are rated in fair condition which they believe is due to a lack of funding at the state level.

"The state is facing annually a 350 million dollar short fall in the level of funding that is needed to address the conditions of the system," said Rocky Moretti, Director of Policy & Research at TRIP.

Residents also gave their opinions about the conditions of the roads.

"It's pretty ridiculous in my opinion yeah you can't have all the roads nice and good but yeah, you're putting in three grand a year just repairs due to the road conditions something definitely needs to get better," said resident James Achivida.

"I think the roads have definitely improved. Historically they've always been bumpy and it has been a common theme. I've lived here since about 2015 so it's been a while," said Chris Benesch, resident.

The city responded to this report by saying:

"It's hard to offer specific comments on the report without seeing the actual data driving the report. TRIP states the data comes from Colorado Department of Transportation, which is different than data on roadways owned and managed by the City of Colorado Springs. Further, the report mentions "Colorado Springs area," which could include adjacent counties and municipalities outside the City.

Our residents voted for significant investments in its infrastructure. In 2025, our newest iteration of the Pikes Peak Rural Transportation Authority program is going into effect. This regional tax supports major capital projects and demonstrates both local governments' and the voters' commitment to large-scale capital projects. We also received broad voter support – at nearly 75% - to renew 2C this past November, which helps maintain our roads.

The report points to bridge issues on state-owned infrastructure. In Colorado Springs, of our 230 bridges, 218 rate at fair or better. Twelve bridges are rated in poor condition. El Paso Street bridge over Platte was removed in October 2024, and we're replacing the eastbound Circle Drive bridges (four total structures). The other two Circle Drive Bridges structures on the westbound lanes will be replaced this year. Seven of the other bridge structures rated poor have replacement or rehabilitation in design, with an eighth scheduled for rehab. The City's bridge maintenance fund has doubled from 2022 to 2024. Other bridge funding comes from PPRTA, CDOT Off-System Bridge and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Bridge Investment Program (BIP). "