

Report estimates Colorado Springs roads cost drivers money

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(COLORADO SPRINGS) — According to a report from TRIP, a Washington, D.C.-based research nonprofit found that drivers in Colorado Springs lose more than \$2,000 due to poor road conditions, congestion, and safety.

According to the TRIP [report](#) Colorado Springs drivers lose around \$2,610 per year driving on roads caused by driving on roads in need of repair, lost time and fuel from congestion-related delays, and traffic crashes from the lack of adequate roadway safety features.

TRIP said the report found that 28% of major local and state-maintained roads in Colorado Springs are in poor condition costing the average driver \$787 every year in extra vehicle costs such as accelerated vehicle depreciation, more repair costs, and increased fuel consumption and tire wear.

Congestion in Colorado Springs caused 54 annual hours of delay for the average driver and cost \$1,268 in lost time and wasted fuel. TRIP estimates drivers waste an average of 21 gallons of fuel with a statewide loss of \$4.8 billion a year due to lost time and wasted fuel.

TRIP's report found traffic crashes claimed the lives of 3,394 people between 2019 and 2023. While not the primary factor TRIP said lack of adequate roadway safety features was likely a contributing factor and cost drivers an average of \$484 per year.

TRIP said while the state of Colorado increased funding for transportation infrastructure in 2021, the Colorado Department of Transportation estimated a shortfall of \$350 million per year in funding needed with \$284 million of the shortfall in needed improvements and maintenance of the system.

“Despite increased state and federal transportation funding in recent years, Colorado still faces a significant shortfall in funds needed to improve road and bridge conditions, ease congestion, and enhance safety,” said Dave Kearby, TRIP's executive director. “It will be critical that the state adequately invest in its transportation network in order to provide a system that is smooth, safe, and efficient.”