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Study claims poor road conditions cost Grand Junction drivers \$1,704 per year

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A study by a Washington D.C.-based transportation research firm has claimed poor road conditions cost Grand Junction drivers an average of \$1,704 per year.

The study, which was conducted by Trip, a transportation research nonprofit, was released last week.

According to the study, deteriorated roads in the Grand Junction area cost drivers \$787 per year in additional vehicle operating costs, \$591 per year for safety and \$326 per year in congestion.

Other areas mentioned in the study include Denver (\$3,060 per year for the average driver), Colorado Springs (\$2,610 per year), northern Colorado (\$2,099 per year) and Pueblo (\$2,431 per year)

Titled “Keep Colorado Mobile,” the study cites data from the Colorado Department of Transportation and U.S. Department of Transportation.

The study’s author, Rocky Moretti, said at a press conference last week Colorado has invested significantly in its transportation infrastructure, but rising costs for improving that infrastructure means more investment is needed.

“That will be a challenge moving forward,” Moretti said.

The study also states 27% of Grand Junction’s roads are in poor condition, 46% are in average condition and 27% are in good condition.

Grand Junction City Council Member Cody Kennedy also spoke at the press conference.

“I think that it’s an important time for Colorado to really get focused and keep our eye on the ball when it comes to our roadways and spending money where we should be spending it,” Kennedy said.



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