

## Grand Junction drivers lose \$1,700 yearly, new report finds

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GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. (KJCT) -According to [TRIP](#), a Transportation Research Nonprofit, Grand Junction motorists lose \$1,700 annually.

This number comes from residents driving on poor pavement, the cost of crashes and time lost from traffic congestion.

In Grand Junction, 27% of major roadways are in poor condition while 46% are in fair condition, the TRIP report explains.

It also said that between 2018 and 2022, 18 people were killed annually in a crash inside Grand Junction city limits.

Grand Junction City Council member, Cody Kennedy said the data doesn't surprise him.

"Roadways and public safety are...what people rely on the government for...and I think that there's probably some places that we can focus cut some other expenditures and look at this to do a better job for our taxpayers," said Kennedy.

The need for road improvements is echoed in other areas of the state, including Denver and Colorado Springs. According to the report, CDOT projects a \$350 million per year shortfall to maintain road infrastructure.