

TRIP report assessed Binghamton road conditions. What do you think?



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National transportation research nonprofit organization TRIP has estimated 19% of Binghamton are in poor condition.

[TRIP's recent report](#) found 39% of road surfaces in the area were in good condition, 21% were in mediocre condition and 21% were in fair condition.

Potholes, rough road surfaces and natural deterioration over time can increase costs for drivers spending money on vehicle upkeep. The Federal Highway Administration also estimates the cost of both roadwork labor and supplies saw a 46% increase between 2022 and 2024.



Detour signs alert drivers to ongoing construction at Cliton and Jarvis streets in Binghamton on Aug. 19, 2024. *Kalyn Grant/Press & Sun Bulletin*

On average, Binghamton motorists are spending roughly \$553 on vehicle operating costs and \$483 on accident coverage. The average Binghamton area motorist, according to Rocky Moretti, director of Policy & Research at TRIP, loses \$1585 annually in "lost time and wasted time due to traffic congestion, the additional cost of driving on rough roads and the economic cost of serious and fatal traffic crashes."

Jeffery Smith, president of the New York State County Highway Superintendents Association, called on state leaders to "prioritize addressing the deterioration of this aging and ailing transportation infrastructure."