

New TRIP report states Binghamton Drivers lose an average of \$1,585 per year from insufficient roads

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"TRIP" REPORT OUTLINES STATUS OF BINGHAMTON ROADS

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BINGHAMTON (WBNG) -- TRIP, a national transportation research nonprofit based in Washington, D.C., recently published a [new study](#) detailing the condition, use, safety, and funding of Binghamton and New York State's roads, highways, and bridges.

The study found that the average Binghamton driver loses \$1,585 annually due to driving on deteriorated, congested roads and lacking desirable safety features. TRIP Director of Policy and Research Rocky Moretti suggested increasing state funding to improve infrastructure.

"We know that when investments are made in improved roadway safety features," Moretti said. "It has a significant impact on keeping the system safer."

The [TRIP report](#) finds that 19% of major roadways in the Binghamton area are in poor condition, and 21% are in mediocre condition. Harpursville resident Robert Hines said he has experienced frustration with some of the roads in the area.

"Potholes that are just temporarily repaired instead of getting professionally repaired," Hines said. "They just keep coming back all the time."

However, Assemblyman Joe Angelino (R-121st District) questions the report's legitimacy. He said he would like to know what roads are reported in lousy condition and what process was taken to get these results.

"I'd like to know where the data came from," Angelino said. "This is not an in-depth study. I think it's statistical information that you can probably fit over any area by population."

Regardless, Angelino agreed there is work to be done to improve local roads.

"Is there room for improvement? Always," Angelino said. "I would love to see more CHIPS money given out to the local municipalities, because most of the driving we do are on local roads not on the interstates city streets county roads. The CHIPS money has not kept up with the cost of material labor."

TRIP said the data is sourced from the U.S. and State Department of Transportation.