

Syracuse-area drivers lose nearly \$1,400 a year due to harsh roads, report finds

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The average driver in Syracuse spends nearly \$1,400 as a result of driving on the city's harsh roads. (PHOTO CREDIT: WHAM)

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — The average driver in Syracuse spends nearly \$1,400 as a result of driving on the city's harsh roads.

That's according to TRIP, a national transportation research nonprofit based in Washington. The report said the money is lost on roads that are deteriorated, congested and lack safety features.

That report said 34% of major locally and state-maintained roads in the Syracuse urban area are in poor or mediocre condition. This costs the average driver an additional \$473 a year.

"One of the challenges faced by the New York State Department of Transportation has been a significant increase in the rate of inflation for highway construction," said Director of Police & Research at TRIP Rocky Moretti. "It has increased by 46% since the beginning of 2022."

The report also showed that the average commuter in Syracuse spends an extra 17 hours stuck in traffic and uses 7 additional gallons of gas. It also showed that 10% of bridges are listed in poor condition.

You can check out the full report at [this link](#).