

## New study claims bad roads are costing Shreveport drivers thousands

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A pickup truck enters Shreveport city limits.

SHREVEPORT, La. - A new report by a national transportation research nonprofit group shows that Louisiana's bad roads cost drivers \$9 billion a year, or about \$2,749 per driver in the Shreveport area.

The TRIP report, "Keeping Louisiana Mobile: Providing a Modern, Sustainable Transportation System in the Pelican State," found half of Louisiana's roads are in poor condition.

The TRIP report also found that 60% of Shreveport roads are in poor or mediocre condition, which costs the average motorist an additional \$955 each year in vehicle operating costs. Those costs come from accelerated vehicle depreciation, additional repair costs, increased fuel consumption, and tire wear.

Researchers say traffic congestion in the Shreveport area causes 32 annual hours of delay for the average motorist and costs the average driver \$1,019 annually in lost time and wasted fuel. Shreveport drivers waste an average of 21 gallons of fuel per motorist annually due to congestion. Statewide, drivers lose \$4.1 billion annually as a result of lost time and wasted fuel due to traffic congestion.