



Transportation report points to Lansing road repair needs



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LANSING, Mich. (WILX) - More bumps in the road mean higher costs for Lansing drivers, according to a new report from a national transportation research organization.

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Those big financial losses are caused by a combination of vehicle maintenance, traffic congestion and poor safety.

Owner of Lansing auto repair shop Badgley's Garage, Calvin Badgley, said his crew is most often tackling brakes, steering suspension and general vehicle maintenance.

The garage has been in business for decades, but Badgley said the need for service has only grown as local roads deteriorate.

"With the roads being as rough as they have been, since 2020, they have increased some suspension wear and tear," he told News 10. "You see a lot more ball joints wearing out, sway bar links, control arms, stuff like that."

He's not the only one who has noticed Lansing's rough roads. Public Service Director Andy Kilpatrick said the city does its best with road upkeep.

"Every year we go out and rate them," he said. "They're getting a little better, but they are still mostly in poor condition. About two-thirds of our roads are in poor condition."

Kilpatrick said the city spends about \$10 million annually on road projects, just to maintain the status quo.

Actually improving the state of Lansing's roads would cost about three times that amount. He adds this is a critical time to advocate for funding.

"If people think roads are a higher priority than we're making them or have funding for, reach out to us, reach out to elected officials," he said. "We're doing the best we can with the resources available to us."