

# Report reveals how much poor road conditions are costing San Diegans annually

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A San Diego Road.

Ask just about any driver in San Diego, and they'll have a story about the roads.

"It's physically uncomfortable. The potholes, the dips, the uneven pavement has been brutal," Forrest Hicks said.

A recently published report by TRIP, a transportation research non-profit, found more than half of San Diego's major roads are in what they said is poor or mediocre condition.

"I'm not surprised, I've seen other vehicles damaged by potholes," Forrest Hicks said.

"There have been times when I've been driving on the road and I run over something and I'm like oh snap, what's that?" Chris Lee said.

For many drivers the problem goes beyond a rough ride.

The report states deteriorating roads can pay a price on your car through repairs, extra fuel consumption and added wear and tear.

"I don't know how many times I've had to do alignments because of potholes, but they come up, I don't see them, I hit them," David Luttbeg said.

"Suspension repairs, wheel repairs, it's expensive," Forrest Hicks said.

"I've actually had two transmission leaks because I hit the bottom on dips here in San Diego over the year," another driver said.

TRIP estimates San Diego drivers pay an average of \$3,400 a year in operating costs, safety, and congestion issues.