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Hole Lotta Money-How Much San Diego Roads Cost Us

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San Diego drivers are paying nearly 35-hundred dollars a year because of potholes and traffic congestion.

A new report from the Transportation Research nonprofit TRIP found nearly a third of our roads are listed in "poor condition." Those potholes and uneven driving surfaces can knock your car around, which accelerates how quickly it falls apart or needs repairing.

The most congested freeways remain the 5, 805 and 15. All that stopping and starting means we spend an extra 88 hours a year in traffic wasting 30 gallons of gas.

As for fixing San Diego's crumbling roadways, that likely won't happen quickly. To bring the roads back to satisfactory condition would cost nearly 2-billion dollars, money the city, county and state don't currently have.

Part of the reason, revenue from California's motor fuel tax — a primary transportation funding source — is falling behind future needs as improved fuel efficiency and growing electric and hybrid vehicle use reduce gas tax collections