



MEDIA ADVISORY

NEW REPORT IDENTIFIES U.S. URBAN AREAS WITH ROUGHEST ROADS AND HIGHEST COSTS TO DRIVERS – MORE THAN \$1,000 PER DRIVER IN SOME URBAN AREAS

WHEN: Wednesday, October 17, 2018. Report available on [TRIP website](http://tripnet.org) at 6:00 a.m. EDT.

WHAT: A new report to be released Wednesday by TRIP, a national nonprofit transportation research group based in Washington, DC., will examine pavement conditions in the nation's largest urban areas and the cost to motorists of driving on rough roads. The report, "*Bumpy Roads Ahead: America's Roughest Rides and Strategies to Make Our Roads Smoother,*" evaluates pavement conditions in the nation's large (500,000+ population) and mid-sized (200,000-500,000 population) urban areas and calculates the additional costs passed on to motorists as a result of driving on rough roads. Driving on roads in disrepair increases consumer costs by increasing needed repairs, maintenance, fuel consumption and tire wear, and accelerating vehicle deterioration and depreciation.

TRIP's report ranks the top 20 large and mid-sized urban areas with the highest share of pavements in poor condition and the highest vehicle operating costs as a result of driving on rough roads. It also examines transportation funding, travel trends and economic development.

TRIP spokespersons are available Wednesday via phone and Skype for interviews and comments. Contact TRIP spokespersons below if you would like to request an embargoed copy of the report. The embargo will lift at 6:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 17.

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