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## **Bad Roads Costing DC Area Drivers**

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WASHINGTON -- A transportation research group says the average driver in the Washington, DC, area loses nearly \$2,300 each year because of roads that are deteriorated, congested and lacking in safety features.

"The largest component of that expense is what we call extra vehicle operating cost," Carolyn Bonifas, Associate Director of Research and Communication of TRIP, told 630 WMAL News.

"Driving on deteriorated roads essentially beats up your car," Bonifas said.

Bonifas cites additional tire wear, vehicle maintenance and accelerated depreciation.

"You're going to see your mechanic more often and you could be back in the showroom sooner than you expect to pick out a new car," she said.

Other expenses include lost time and lost fuel and expenses related to accidents.