

EMPRESS STREET TOPS LIST FOR SECOND YEAR RUNNING

CAA's Worst Roads campaign shows familiar names in need of repair

WINNIPEG, May 8, 2019 – The votes are in, and Manitoba's Worst Road for 2019 is Empress Street in Winnipeg for the second consecutive year.

"Manitoba's Worst Roads campaign is about uniting the public in sharing their views," says Tim Scott, president of CAA Manitoba. "Even with construction taking place on Empress Street at this moment, voters identified it as the Worst Road once again. Empress is a major arterial road that many Winnipeggers rely on to get where they are going. Properly maintained roads lead to safer travels and a healthy economy, but the public understands that further delay leads to a direct financial impact on them. We're proud to give a voice to Manitobans who want to pave the way for better roads in the province."

Over 2,700 votes were cast for more than 400 roads. Road users of all types voted for the streets they wanted to focus on. Potholes and crumbling pavement continue to be the most critical issue identified by motorists, followed by traffic congestion. Cyclists pointed to potholes and poor cycling infrastructure as their top gripes, while pedestrians cited inadequate walking infrastructure as their biggest problem.

Seven of the top ten Worst Roads are in Winnipeg, while three are rural roads. In second place is Provincial Trunk Highway 34 found in western Manitoba near Austin. Eighth place is Provincial Trunk Highway 23, which passes through numerous communities in southern Manitoba, and tenth is Provincial Trunk Highway 32 by Winkler. Some of the Winnipeg roads that have appeared on the Worst Roads list in previous years include Saskatchewan Avenue, Sherwin Road and St. James Street.

Earlier this year, both the federal and provincial governments announced that a combined total of approximately \$300 million will be spent to improve 350 kilometers of the highway network across Manitoba, and the City of Winnipeg recently announced that one-time federal gas tax funding will be spent on road repairs, road safety initiatives and the promotion of active transportation.

"We know that CAA's ongoing advocacy efforts are working and that governments are listening," says Scott. "CAA will continue to bring the voice of Worst Roads voters to government and work with stakeholders on how to create infrastructure and transportation that we can all be proud of."

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Final Worst Roads 2019 Rankings

Rank	Road	Location
1	Empress St.	Winnipeg
2	Provincial Trunk Hwy. 34	Austin
3	Saskatchewan Ave.	Winnipeg
4	Sherwin Rd.	Winnipeg
5	Archibald St.	Winnipeg
6	St. James St.	Winnipeg
7	Provincial Trunk Hwy. 23	Southern Manitoba
8	Higgins Ave.	Winnipeg
9	Jubilee Ave.	Winnipeg
10	Provincial Trunk Hwy. 32	Winkler

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