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Report calls for more money for road work

ATLANTA - A national transportation research group provided ammunition to those looking to pour additional money into Georgia's highway construction as it released a report Thursday saying that the state's roads are not keeping pace with its ballooning population.

The report from Washington, D.C.-based TRIP said Georgia faces a \$51 billion shortfall over the next 30 years to fund existing projects in the pipeline to build and repair roads and bridges. Advocates in the state say the shortfall is actually closer to \$200 billion.

"Georgia is falling behind," Frank Moretti, the director of policy and research for TRIP, said at a news conference Thursday at the state Department of Transportation headquarters.