



COLUMBUS MEDIA ADVISORY

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS UNDERWAY DUE TO INCREASED FUNDING,
ADDITIONAL INVESTMENT NEEDED TO IMPROVE & EXPAND TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM
TO ADDRESS COLUMBUS AREA CONGESTION AND SAFETY CHALLENGES
*Local speakers available to discuss new report by national research group on
Georgia road & bridge conditions, congestion, safety & funding needs*

WHEN: Thursday, May 31

WHERE: Greater Columbus Georgia Chamber of Commerce
1200 6th Avenue
Columbus, Georgia

WHAT: While increased funding has allowed numerous transportation projects to proceed in Columbus and throughout Georgia, additional investment is needed to improve road and bridge conditions, relieve congestion, enhance safety, and accommodate projected growth, according to a new report from [TRIP](http://tripnet.org), a national nonprofit transportation research group based in Washington, DC.

Local speakers will be available for interviews beginning at 9:00 a.m. on May 31 to offer comments and local perspective on the findings of the report. TRIP spokespersons are also available throughout the day via phone for interviews and comments.

The report, *Modernizing Georgia's Transportation System: Progress & Challenges in Providing Safe, Efficient and Well-Maintained Roads, Highways & Bridges*, examines the impact of additional funds provided by the 2015 passage of the Transportation Funding Act and details projects in the Columbus area that will be underway by 2021 as a result of increased funding, and projects that lack sufficient funding to proceed prior to 2022. The report also looks at statewide road and bridge conditions, the latest Columbus area safety and traffic congestion data, and Georgia economic trends.

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