



DES MOINES MEDIA ADVISORY

NEW REPORT EVALUATES IOWA ROAD AND BRIDGE CONDITIONS, TRAFFIC SAFETY, TRANSPORTATION FUNDING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

A new report that evaluates the current condition, use and funding of Iowa's surface transportation system will be released at a news conference in Des Moines at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, February 18, 2015. The report is being released by [TRIP](http://tripnet.org), a national nonprofit transportation research group based in Washington, DC.

The report, "*Iowa's Top Transportation Challenges: Meeting the State's Need for Safe and Efficient Mobility*," provides key facts and figures regarding road and bridge conditions, economic development, highway safety, and transportation funding in Iowa. TRIP's report finds that Iowa motorists lose approximately \$2 billion each year as a result of driving on roads that are congested, deteriorated or lack some desirable safety features.

Carolyn Bonifas Kelly, TRIP's associate director of research and communication, will present the findings of the report at the news conference. Local officials will be on hand to comment on the report.

WHEN: 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, February 18, 2015

WHERE: Iowa State Capitol
Legislative Dining Room – Ground Floor
1007 East Grand Avenue
Des Moines, Iowa

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