



SOUTH COAST MEDIA ADVISORY

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

A new report that evaluates the current condition, use and funding of Massachusetts' surface transportation system will be released at a news conference in New Bedford at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 21. The report is being released by [TRIP](http://tripnet.org), a national nonprofit transportation research group based in Washington, DC.

The report, "*Massachusetts Transportation by the Numbers: Meeting the State's Need for Safe and Efficient Mobility*," provides key facts and figures regarding road and bridge conditions, traffic congestion, economic development, highway safety, and transportation funding in Massachusetts. TRIP's report finds that the average South Coast area driver loses more than \$1,600 each year as a result of driving on roads that are congested, deteriorated or lack some desirable safety features. In addition to statewide information, the report contains regional breakdowns for Boston, South Coast, Springfield and Worcester.

Rocky Moretti, TRIP's director of research and policy, will present the findings of the report at the news conference. Local officials will be on hand to comment on the report.

WHEN: **Tuesday, October 21 at 12:30 p.m.**

WHERE: **New Bedford Area Chamber of Commerce
794 Purchase Street
New Bedford, Massachusetts**

WHO: **Steve Smith, Executive Director
Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District**

**Roy M. Nascimento, President & CEO
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