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NEW REPORT IDENTIFIES 50 TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS MOST NEEDED FOR MAINE'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

A new report, "*The Top 50 Surface Transportation Projects to Support Economic Growth and Quality of Life in Maine*," will be released at a news conference in Portland at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 15.

The most needed surface transportation improvements in Maine include 35 projects to build, expand or modernize highways or bridges, five projects to improve rail or public transportation, five maritime or port projects, three multi-modal projects, one aviation project and one project to improve the state's trail system. These improvements would enhance economic development opportunities throughout the state by increasing mobility and freight movement, easing congestion and making Maine an attractive place to live, visit and do business. Many of these projects cannot be addressed without additional transportation funding.

TRIP is a national nonprofit transportation research group based in Washington, DC. TRIP's Frank Moretti will present the findings of the report at the news conference. Local officials will also be on hand to comment on the report.

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