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NEW REPORT IDENTIFIES MAINE'S 50 MOST PRESSING TRANSPORTATION CHALLENGES AND NEEDED SOLUTIONS

A new report that identifies Maine's 50 most pressing transportation challenges and the fixes needed to address them will be released at a news conference in Portland at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 31. The report is being released by [TRIP](http://tripnet.org), a national nonprofit transportation research group based in Washington, DC.

The report, "*Maine's Top 50 Transportation Challenges and the Improvements Needed to Address Them*," identifies and ranks Maine's top 50 transportation challenges. Those transportation challenges include 12 sections of major roads or highways that need significant repairs or reconstruction; 19 major bridges in the state that have significant deficiencies and need to be rebuilt or reconstructed; one improvement to a maritime facility; and 18 sections of the state's transportation system that need improvements to address multiple challenges by improving safety, increasing access or improving road or bridge conditions.

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

WHEN: **Thursday, October 31 at 9:00 a.m.**

WHERE: **Capt. Susan J. Clark Building
International Marine Terminal
460 Commerce Street
Portland, Maine**

WHO: **Dana Connors, President
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