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NEW REPORT OUTLINES CRITICAL TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS NEEDED TO SUPPORT TWIN CITIES' AND MINNESOTA'S FUTURE DEVELOPMENT AND EVALUATES THEIR FUNDING STATUS

A new report that outlines the transportation projects critically needed to support the region's future development will be released at a news conference in Saint Paul at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 26. The report is being released by [TRIP](http://tripnet.org), a national nonprofit transportation research group based in Washington, DC.

The TRIP report "Project Green Light: Moving Minnesota's Top Transportation Improvements Forward," lists critically needed transportation improvements in the Twin Cities region and in Greater Minnesota, including projects to operate, maintain, build, expand or modernize roads, highways, bridges, mass transit systems, rail, bicycle and pedestrian facilities. These improvements, which were selected by TRIP, would enhance development throughout the region and the state by increasing personal and commercial mobility, easing congestion, improving safety and conditions and enhancing Minnesota's desirability as a place to live, visit and do business.

But the report finds that most of the critically needed projects in the Twin Cities area, as well as in Greater Minnesota, lack adequate funding to proceed, resulting in the projects receiving a red light. TRIP has rated each needed transportation improvement as either having a green light, a yellow light or a red light in terms of the availability of funding.

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: **Wednesday, March 26 at 10:00 a.m. CDT**

WHERE: **State Office Building, Room 181
100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
Saint Paul, Minnesota**

WHO: **Councilman Brad Aho
City of Eden Prairie
Chair, I-494 Commission**

**Commissioner Toni Carter
Ramsey County**

**Russell Hess, Political Coordinator
Laborers District Council of Minnesota & North Dakota**

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