



SPRINGFIELD MEDIA ADVISORY

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

A new report that evaluates the current condition, use and funding of Missouri's surface transportation system will be released at a news conference in Springfield at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 30. The report is being released by [TRIP](http://tripnet.org), a national nonprofit transportation research group based in Washington, DC.

The report, "*Missouri Transportation by the Numbers: 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 Missouri. TRIP's report finds that the average Springfield driver loses more than \$1,100 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 Jefferson City, Kansas City, Springfield and St. Louis.

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

WHEN: 2:30 p.m., Thursday, April 30

WHERE: Traffic Management Center of the Ozarks
1107 West Chestnut Expressway
Springfield, Missouri

WHO: Becky Baltz, Southwest District Engineer
Missouri Department of Transportation

Derick Barnes, Transportation Committee Chairman
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