



## **BILLINGS MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **MONTANA ROADS & BRIDGES FACE ANNUAL SHORTFALL OF NEARLY \$900 MILLION**

*Local officials join national research group in review of  
road & bridge conditions, congestion, safety & funding needs*

**WHEN:** 9:30 a.m., January 12, 2017

**WHERE:** Motor Power Equipment  
4941 Midland Road  
Billings, Montana

**WHAT:** In order to make needed repairs and improvements to roads, highways and bridges, Montana would need nearly \$900 million in additional transportation funds each year, according to a new report from [TRIP](#), a national nonprofit transportation research group based in Washington, DC. The report also finds that the average Billings driver loses more than \$1,100 annually as a result of driving on roads that are deteriorated, congested, and that lack some desirable safety features. Local leaders will join TRIP on Thursday to highlight the findings and discuss possible solutions.

The report, *Montana Transportation by the Numbers: Meeting the State's Need for Safe, Smooth and Efficient Mobility*, examines road and bridge conditions, congestion, economic development, highway safety, and transportation funding in Montana. The report contains regional data for the Billings, Great Falls and Missoula urban areas, as well as statewide information.

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