



## **ASHEVILLE MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **NEW REPORT EVALUATES NORTH CAROLINA ROAD AND BRIDGE CONDITIONS, TRAFFIC SAFETY, TRANSPORTATION FUNDING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

A new report that evaluates the current condition, use and funding of North Carolina's surface transportation system will be released Tuesday, March 25. The report is being released by [TRIP](http://tripnet.org), a national nonprofit transportation research group based in Washington, DC, in conjunction with the [North Carolina Chamber Foundation](http://www.ncchamber.com).

The report, "*North Carolina 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 North Carolina. TRIP's report finds that the average Asheville driver loses more than \$900 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 Asheville, Charlotte, the Piedmont Triad, Raleigh-Durham and Wilmington. TRIP is a national nonprofit transportation research group based in Washington, DC.

Carolyn Bonifas Kelly, TRIP's associate director of research and communication, will be available via phone to discuss the findings of the report. Local officials will also be available to field questions and interview requests throughout the day.

**WHEN:** Report available at [tripnet.org](http://tripnet.org) Tuesday, March 25 at 10:00 a.m.

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