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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 at a news conference in Raleigh at 10:00 a.m. on 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 Raleigh-Durham driver loses more than \$1,000 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.

Will Wilkins, TRIP’s executive director, will present the findings of the report at the news conference. Local officials will be on hand to comment on the report.

WHEN: **Tuesday, March 25 at 10:00 a.m.**

WHERE: **North Carolina Chamber of Commerce
701 Corporate Center Drive
Suite 400
Raleigh, North Carolina**

WHO: **Gary Salamido, Vice President of Government Affairs
North Carolina Chamber of Commerce**

**Joe Milazzo, Executive Director
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