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ENERGY-RELATED REVENUE HAS BOOSTED STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS
YET NORTH DAKOTA STILL FACES SIGNIFICANT SHORTFALL IN INVESTMENT NEEDED
TO IMPROVE CONDITION OF AGING ROADS AND BRIDGES, INCREASE SAFETY AND
PROMOTE ECONOMIC GROWTH IN NORTH DAKOTA

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

WHEN: 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 9

WHERE: Bismarck Event Center – Prairie Rose Room 102 (Upper Level)
315 South 5th Street
Bismarck, North Dakota

WHAT: While increased transportation investment in North Dakota, largely as a result of the state's energy boom, has allowed numerous projects to proceed, additional investment is still needed to improve road and bridge conditions, enhance safety and accommodate projected growth, according to a new report from [TRIP](#), a national nonprofit transportation research group based in Washington, DC. Local speakers will join TRIP on Tuesday to present the findings of the report.

The report, *Modernizing North Dakota's Transportation System: Progress & Challenges in Providing Safe, Efficient and Well-Maintained Roads, Highways & Bridges*, examines road and bridge conditions, safety, and economic growth in North Dakota and looks at the impact of additional transportation investment, largely as a result of increased energy-related revenues. It also details projects throughout the state that will be underway or completed by 2021 as a result of increased funding, and identifies needed projects across North Dakota that still lack sufficient funding to proceed.

WHO: Arik Spencer, President and CEO, Greater North Dakota Chamber
Terry Traynor, Executive Director, North Dakota Association of Counties
Mike Gerhart, Executive Vice President, North Dakota Motor Carriers Association
Phil Murphy, Legislative Liaison, North Dakota Soybean Growers Association
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