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NEW REPORT IDENTIFIES PHILADELPHIA AREA'S MOST EXPENSIVE COMMUTES AND CALCULATES COST TO AVERAGE DRIVERS OF TRAVELING ON EACH CONGESTED ROUTE

A new report that identifies the most congested corridors and their cost to commuters in the Philadelphia area will be released on Thursday, June 20. The report is being released by [TRIP](http://tripnet.org), a national nonprofit transportation research group based in Washington, DC.

The report, "*The Region's Most Expensive Commutes: Congested Corridors in the Philadelphia Area and the Steps Needed to Relieve Traffic Congestion*," identifies the 13 congested corridors that cost area commuters the most in lost time and fuel and outlines a comprehensive set of strategies to help relieve traffic congestion and enhance transportation reliability in the state. TRIP's report calculates that traffic congestion costs Philadelphia area travelers approximately \$3.4 billion annually in the value of wasted time and fuel. Some area commutes cost individual motorists as much as \$2,301 annually or \$44 weekly – including an additional 125 hours stuck in traffic per year. TRIP will also be releasing similar reports in the state's largest urban areas, including Harrisburg-York-Lancaster, Lehigh Valley-Reading, Pittsburgh and Scranton/Wilkes-Barre.

Local spokespersons will be available beginning at 6:00 a.m. for comments and interviews.

WHEN: **Thursday, June 20.**
Report and press release will be available at www.tripnet.org at 6:00 a.m.

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