



## **SCRANTON/WILKES-BARRE MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **NEW REPORT IDENTIFIES SCRANTON/WILKES-BARRE 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 Scranton/Wilkes-Barre 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 Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Area and the Steps Needed to Relieve Traffic Congestion*," identifies the nine 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 Scranton/Wilkes-Barre area travelers approximately \$158 million annually in the value of wasted time and fuel. Some area commutes cost individual motorists as much as \$2,915 annually or \$56 weekly – including an additional 158 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, Philadelphia and Pittsburgh.

**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](http://www.tripnet.org) at 6:00 a.m.**

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