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LEHIGH VALLEY-READING MEDIA ADVISORY

NEW REPORT EVALUATES PENNSYLVANIA ROAD & BRIDGE CONDITIONS, CONGESTION, TRAFFIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION FUNDING

A new report that evaluates the current condition, use and funding of Pennsylvania's surface transportation system will be released at a news conference in Whitehall at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 29. The report is being released by [TRIP](http://tripnet.org), a national nonprofit transportation research group based in Washington, DC.

The report, "*Future Mobility in Pennsylvania: The Cost of Meeting the State's Need for Safe and Efficient Mobility*," analyzes road and bridge conditions, traffic congestion, economic development, highway safety, and transportation funding in Pennsylvania. TRIP's report finds that Pennsylvania drivers lose a total of \$9.4 billion each year as a result of driving on roads that are congested, deteriorated or lack some desirable safety features. Driving on deficient roads costs the average driver in the Lehigh Valley-Reading area nearly \$1,400 each year. The report also contains transportation data and a breakdown of the cost per motorist of driving on deficient roads in the state's largest urban areas, including Harrisburg-York-Lancaster, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Scranton/Wilkes-Barre.

Carolyn Bonifas Kelly, TRIP's associate director of research and communication, will present the findings of the report at the news conference. Spokespersons will also be available earlier in the day for comments and interviews. Local officials will be on hand to comment on the report.

WHEN: **Wednesday, May 29 at 2:00 p.m.**

WHERE: **SR 145/US 22 Interchange Construction Project
Perkins Restaurant Parking Lot
1450 Macarthur Road
Whitehall, PA**

(In case of inclement weather, the release will be held at the Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce Allentown Office at 840 Hamilton St, Suite 205, Allentown, PA)

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