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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 Pittsburgh at 10:00 a.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 Pittsburgh area more than \$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, Lehigh Valley-Reading, Philadelphia and Scranton/Wilkes-Barre.

Frank Moretti, TRIP's director of policy and research, 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 10:00 a.m.**

WHERE: **Allegheny T Station
Allegheny Avenue and Reedsdale St. (Next to Heinz Field)
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania**

WHO: **Rich Barcaskey, Executive Director
Constructors Association of Western Pennsylvania**

**Joe Kirk, Executive Director
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**Barbara McNeese, Executive Vice President, Public Affairs
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