House panel set to move highway fund patch –
But timeline draws pushback – Just ‘raise the
damn tax’ – Study: Rural roads in rough shape

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**ROUGH RURAL ROADS:** Today TRIP rolls out a new report on rural roads, finding that crashes and deaths on rural roads are nearly three times higher than other streets. “Rural traffic fatality rates remain stubbornly high, despite a substantial decrease in the number of overall fatalities,” TRIP says in a release on the report today. The study, “Rural Connections: Challenges and Opportunities in America’s Heartland,” will get social media and other support from AEM, AAA and the Farm Bureau, including a #RuralRoads push on Twitter.