



COLUMBIA MEDIA ADVISORY

DEFICIENT ROADS COST COLUMBIA DRIVERS MORE THAN \$1,700 PER YEAR

*Local speakers join national research group in review of
road & bridge conditions, congestion, safety*

WHEN: 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 21

WHERE: South Carolina State House -1st Floor Lobby
1100 Gervais Street
Columbia, South Carolina

WHAT: Driving on deficient roads cost South Carolinians a total of \$5.4 billion annually in the form of additional vehicle operating costs, congestion-related delays, and traffic crashes, per a new report from [TRIP](http://tripnet.org), a national nonprofit transportation research group based in Washington, DC. Transportation advocates and representatives from state and local Chambers of Commerce will join TRIP on Tuesday to highlight the report's findings and discuss possible solutions.

The report, *South Carolina Transportation by the Numbers: Meeting the State's Need for Safe, Smooth and Efficient Mobility*, examines road and bridge conditions, congestion, economic development, highway safety, and transportation funding in South Carolina. In addition to statewide information, the report contains regional data for the Charleston, Columbia, Florence, Greenville-Spartanburg-Anderson and Myrtle Beach urban areas.

WHO: Ted Pitts, President and CEO, South Carolina Chamber of Commerce
Mary Graham, Chief Advancement Officer, Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce
Otis Rawl, President/CEO, Lexington Chamber of Commerce
Jason Zacher, Executive Director, Upstate Chamber Coalition,
Rocky Moretti, Director of Research & Policy, TRIP

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