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

A new report that evaluates the current condition, use and funding of Texas' highway transportation system will be released at a news conference in Austin at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 23.

The report, "*Texas Transportation by the Numbers: 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 Texas. In addition to statewide information, the report contains regional breakdowns for the Austin, DFW-Arlington, Houston and San Antonio urban areas. TRIP's report finds that the average Austin driver loses nearly \$1,700 each year as a result of driving on roads that are congested, deteriorated or lack some desirable safety features. [TRIP](http://tripnet.org) is a national nonprofit transportation research group based in Washington, DC

Carolyn Bonifas Kelly, TRIP's associate director of research and communication, will present the findings of the report at the news conference. Local officials will also be on hand to comment on the report.

WHEN: **Wednesday, July 23 at 1:30 p.m.**

WHERE: **Speakers Committee Room
Texas State Capitol – CAP 2W.6
1100 Congress Avenue
Austin, TX**

WHO: **State Representative Joe Pickett
Chairman, House Select Committee on Transportation Funding,
Expenditures & Finance**

**Brandon Janes, Board Chairman
Transportation Advocates of Texas (TAoT)**

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