

ROANOKE MEDIA ADVISORY

NEW REPORT IDENTIFIES 50 TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS MOST NEEDED FOR VIRGINIA'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

A new report, "*The Top 50 Surface Transportation Projects to Support Economic Growth in Virginia*," will be released at a news conference in Roanoke at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 8.

The most needed surface transportation improvements in Virginia include 36 projects to build, expand or modernize highways, six projects to improve public transit and eight projects to enhance the state's rail system. These improvements would enhance economic development opportunities throughout the state by increasing mobility and freight movement, easing congestion and making Virginia an attractive place to live, visit and do business. Many of these projects can not be addressed without additional transportation funding.

TRIP is a national nonprofit transportation research group based in Washington, DC. TRIP's Carolyn Bonifas will present the findings of the report at the news conference. Local officials will also be on hand to comment on the report.

TIME: 2:00 p.m.

DATE: Tuesday, February 8

PLACE: Roanoke Regional Chamber of Commerce
210 S. Jefferson St.
Roanoke, Virginia

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