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DEFICIENT WEST VIRGINIA ROADS COST DRIVERS \$1.4 BILLION ANNUALLY

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

WHEN: 10:30 a.m., February 16, 2017

WHERE: Governor's Conference Room
Secretary of State's Office – Building 1, Suite 157-K
1900 Kanawha Boulevard East
Charleston, West Virginia

WHAT: West Virginia motorists lose \$1.4 billion annually as a result of driving on roads that are deteriorated, congested, and that lack some desirable safety features, according to a new report from [TRIP](#), a national nonprofit transportation research group based in Washington, DC. Local speakers will join TRIP on Thursday to highlight the findings and discuss possible solutions.

The report, *West Virginia 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 West Virginia. The report contains regional data for Charleston, Huntington, Morgantown, Parkersburg and Wheeling as well as statewide information.

WHO: Secretary Thomas J. Smith, West Virginia Department of Transportation

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