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### **TIA Chairman Pete DeLay's Statement on the release of TRIP report "The Interstate Highway System in Tennessee: Saving Lives, Time and Money"**

"TRIP's thorough report looks back on the fifty years of Tennessee's interstate highway system and certifies that it has served as a boon to our state's safety, economy and quality of life. What was originally designed as a military and defense resource has today become an economic lifeline for Tennessee's communities. The early investment in the interstate system has paid tremendous dividends. If we do not continue our historical commitment to the system, we will be denying these benefits to the next generation of Tennesseans. The interstate system has transformed our state. It is important that our policy makers allow that transformation to continue by securing the funds needed to finance a 21<sup>st</sup> century interstate system."

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TRIP's "The Interstate Highway System in Tennessee: Saving Lives, Time and Money" can be viewed at [www.tripnet.org](http://www.tripnet.org).

*The Tennessee Infrastructure Alliance is a not-for-profit association of Tennessee business and community leaders and organizations dedicated to educating policy makers on infrastructure issues and advocating for adequate and consistent funding for infrastructure maintenance and improvement.*