
CHAMPAIGN-URBANA MEDIA ADVISORY

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

WHEN: 1:30 P.M. CDT, Wednesday, March 28

WHERE: Illinois Terminal, Amtrak Waiting Area (Second Floor)
45 E. University Avenue
Champaign, Illinois

WHAT: The average driver in in the Champaign-Urbana area loses nearly \$1,500 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 Wednesday to highlight the findings and discuss possible solutions.

The report, *Illinois 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 Illinois. In addition to statewide information, the report contains regional data for Chicago, Champaign-Urbana, Metro East, Peoria-Bloomington, Rockford and Springfield.

WHO: Karl Gnadt, Managing Director, Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District

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