



## **COLUMBUS MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **NEW REPORT EVALUATES OHIO ROAD AND BRIDGE CONDITIONS, CONGESTION, TRAFFIC SAFETY, TRANSPORTATION FUNDING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

A new report that evaluates the current condition, use and funding of Ohio's surface transportation system will be released at a news conference in Columbus at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 18. The report is being released by [TRIP](http://tripnet.org), a national nonprofit transportation research group based in Washington, DC.

The report, "*Modernizing Ohio's Transportation System: Progress and Challenges in Providing a Safe, Efficient and Well-Maintained Transportation System*," examines road and bridge conditions, congestion, economic development, highway safety, and transportation funding in Ohio. In addition to statewide information, the report contains regional breakdowns for Cincinnati, Cleveland-Akron, Columbus, Dayton and Toledo. The report also identifies the most needed transportation projects throughout the state that will not move forward without additional transportation funding.

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

**WHEN:** 1:00 p.m., Thursday, June 18

**WHERE:** Ohio Statehouse – Ladies Gallery  
1 Capitol Square  
Columbus, Ohio

**WHO:** Keith Lake, Vice President of Government Affairs  
Ohio Chamber of Commerce

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