



MEDIA ADVISORY

NEW REPORT EVALUATES CONDITION, SAFETY, USE AND FUNDING NEEDS OF AMERICA'S RURAL ROADS AND BRIDGES

A new report that evaluates the current condition, safety, use and funding of America's rural roads and bridges will be released during a teleconference on Tuesday, May 19 at 11:00 EDT. The report is being released by [TRIP](http://tripnet.org), a national nonprofit transportation research group based in Washington, DC.

The report, "*Rural Connections: Challenges and Opportunities in America's Heartland*," evaluates the safety and condition of roads and bridges serving America's rural communities, which are a critical source of the nation's energy, food and fiber, and finds that the nation's rural transportation system is in need of improvements to address deficient roads and bridges, high crash rates, and inadequate connectivity and capacity. **TRIP's report identifies states with the highest rate of rural pavements in poor condition, states with the highest share of structurally deficient rural bridges and those with the highest fatality rates on rural roads.**

Rocky Moretti, TRIP's director of research and policy and the author of the report, will present the findings of the report during the teleconference. Additional speakers will also comment on the report.

WHEN: 11:00 a.m. EDT, Tuesday, May 19

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