



SPOKANE MEDIA ADVISORY

NEW REPORT EVALUATES WASHINGTON’S TOP TRANSPORTATION CHALLENGES, INCLUDING ROAD AND BRIDGE CONDITIONS, INCREASING CONGESTION, TRAFFIC SAFETY, TRANSPORTATION FUNDING, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

A new report that documents Washington’s greatest transportation challenges will be released at a news conference in Spokane at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, April 21, 2015. The report is being released by [TRIP](http://tripnet.org), a national nonprofit transportation research group based in Washington, DC.

According to the report, “*Washington’s Top Transportation Challenges: Meeting the State’s Need for Safe and Efficient Mobility and Economic Vitality*,” Washington’s transportation system faces mounting challenges, including deteriorated roads and bridges, increasingly congested roads and transit systems, needed safety improvements, and a lack of adequate funding to address needed projects. The TRIP report includes a list of structurally deficient bridges throughout the state, identifies the most congested commutes and most crowded transit routes, and lists the most needed transportation projects in the state that are currently unfunded.

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 be on hand to comment on the report.

WHEN: 10:00 a.m., Tuesday April 21, 2015

WHERE: North Spokane Corridor
Children of the Sun Trailhead Parking Lot
(On Freya, just north of the roundabouts off of Francis, across from URM)
Spokane, WA

WHO: Matt Ewers, Chair
Greater Spokane Inc. Transportation Policy Committee
Spokane County Commissioner

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