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Report ranks Maine's transportation challenges

PORTLAND, Maine (NEWS CENTER) -- Transportation research group TRIP has released a report that ranks the top 50 transportation challenges in Maine.

At the top of the list: reconstruction of Route 3 in Bar Harbor. Among other items in the top 10: reconstruction Route 302 in the Portland area, and constructing the approach to the International Bridge at Fort Kent.

In a press conference, Maine State Chamber of Commerce President Dana Connors said the report explains why he supports Question #3, a transportation bond question on the ballot.

Question 3 asks Mainers to approve \$100 million in borrowed money to access \$154 million in matching funds.

According to Maine DOT, the bond money would fund the department's proposed Work Plan, with \$76 million designated for highway and bridge projects statewide.

Maine DOT reports an annual funding shortfall of about \$110 million per year.

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