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NC Go! and TRIP to Host News Conference in Raleigh

New Report Evaluates Needs of North Carolina's Roads and Bridges

WHAT: A new report that evaluates the current condition, use and funding of North Carolina's highway transportation system will be released at a news conference in Raleigh at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 23.

The report, "*The Future of North Carolina's Transportation System*," funded by TRIP, a national nonprofit transportation research group, analyzes road and bridge conditions, traffic congestion, economic development and job creation, highway safety, and transportation funding in North Carolina.

The report found that the state faces a \$65 billion transportation funding shortfall over the next 20 years. It includes data on traffic fatalities, vehicle wear, congestion, and costs all due to inadequate, unsafe or poorly maintained roads.

Speakers include:

- Gene Conti, secretary for the North Carolina Department of Transportation
- Marc Finlayson, co-chairman for *NC Go!*
- Will Wilkins, executive director for TRIP
- Tom Crosby, vice president of communications for AAA Carolinas
- Joe Milazzo, executive director for the Regional Transportation Alliance

WHEN: **Tuesday, March 23, 2010**
10:30 a.m.

WHERE: **Raleigh Chamber of Commerce**
800 S. Salisbury St.
Raleigh, NC 27601

About *NC Go!*

NC Go! is the state's only broad-based coalition advocating for North Carolina's transportation system. Our coalition consists of more than 100 businesses, chambers of commerce, associations and transit agencies representing 25,000 businesses and member organizations, with more than 6 million employees, transit riders, citizens and drivers in North Carolina. *NC Go!* has led the call to adequately invest in highways, bridges, public transportation, rails, ports, airports and ferries.

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