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MEDIA ADVISORY

TRIP TO RELEASE REPORT ON RURAL TRANSPORTATION, INCLUDING STATE AND NATIONAL RURAL ROAD, BRIDGE AND SAFETY CONDITIONS DURING A MEDIA CONFERENCE CALL ON THURSDAY, SEPT. 1 AT 1 P.M. EDT

On **Thursday, Sept. 1**, TRIP, a national transportation research group, will release a new report on rural transportation. The report, "[Rural Connections: Challenges and Opportunities in America's Heartland](#)," includes state and national data on rural road, bridge and highway safety conditions. The report ranks states with the highest rural road fatality rates, the highest percentage of rural roads in poor condition and the highest share of structurally deficient rural bridges. It also makes recommendations for improving rural transportation and underscores the need for continued federal surface transportation investments.

During the media call, the report's author will outline the key findings, identify states with the worst rural road and bridge conditions and highest rural traffic fatality rates, and detail the group's key recommendations. Representatives of the transportation community will also be on the call to explain how the findings underscore the need for continued federal surface transportation investments and contradict recent calls to eliminate the federal surface transportation program.

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WHAT: Release of New Report on State and National Rural Road, Bridge and Safety Conditions

WHEN: 1 p.m. EDT
Thursday, Sept. 1, 2011

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