

INFRASTRUCTURE WORKING GROUP

Thursday, February 22, 2018
2:00 p.m.
National Association of Manufacturers

Agenda

- I. Welcome and Introductions
- II. Off the Record Conversation
 - *Alex Herrgott, Council on Environmental Quality*
- III. Internal Infrastructure Working Group Discussion
 - March 6 & 7 Infrastructure Working Group Hill Days
 - **Kickoff/Organizational Breakfast**, March 6, 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Rayburn 2203
 - **Design, Fund, Build and Celebrate: An Infrastructure Working Group Reception**, March 7, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., in the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Room (2167)
- IV. Adjourn

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January 3, 2018

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader
U.S. Senate

The Honorable Paul Ryan
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable Charles Schumer
Minority Leader
U.S. Senate

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives

Dear Majority Leader McConnell, Speaker Ryan and Minority Leaders Schumer and Pelosi:

We are a broad collection of associations and organizations working with all levels of government to address our nation's infrastructure deficit. We encourage you to develop and advance an infrastructure investment package that will improve the safety, reliability and efficiency of our nation's infrastructure.

Substantial and long-term investments in all kinds of infrastructure are needed to expand our economy, grow jobs and compete globally. We appreciate strong bipartisan support for various infrastructure initiatives over the years and hope that past momentum can sustain a more substantial commitment to meet the needs of our economy.

We believe that infrastructure must continue to be a leading priority of the 115th Congress and address the following goals:

- Increases direct federal investments, in a broad range of infrastructure sectors over 10 years to achieve a \$1 trillion investment,
- Complements and strengthens existing tools, such as municipal bonds, that successfully deliver infrastructure investments at the federal, state and local levels,
- Facilitates opportunities for private investment in U.S. infrastructure,
- Creates efficiencies such as accelerating the federal permitting process,
- Fixes chronic challenges and addresses reoccurring shortages in key federal infrastructure accounts such as the Highway Trust Fund, and;
- Encourages active participation among all levels of government and between the public and private sectors without shifting federal responsibilities because no single partner can deliver a well-functioning, national U.S. infrastructure network driven by a long-term vision and funding stability.

Passing a comprehensive package that transforms U.S. infrastructure systems beyond the status quo is necessary to maintain U.S. economic competitiveness. We urge you to work across the aisle to develop a proposal that ensures U.S. infrastructure is second to none.

Sincerely,

Airports Council International - North America	International Housewares Association
American Apparel and Footwear Association	International Union of Operating Engineers
American Association of Port Authorities	Irrigation Association
American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials	Juvenile Products Manufacturers Association
American Bakers Association	Laborers Int. Union of North America (LIUNA)
American Coatings Association	League of American Bicyclists
American Coke and Coal Chemicals Institute	Metals Service Center Institute
American Composites Manufacturers Association	Motor & Equipment Manufacturers Association
American Concrete Pipe Association	MPIF
American Council of Engineering Companies	National Asphalt Pavement Association
American Farm Bureau Federation	National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA)
American Forest & Paper Association	National Association of Counties
American Gas Association	National Association of Manufacturers
American Highway Users Alliance	National Association of Regional Councils
American Home Furnishings Alliance	National Association of Trailer Manufacturers
American Institute of Architects	National Corn Growers Association
American Investment Council	National Electrical Contractors Association
American Iron and Steel Institute	National Grain and Feed Association
American Petroleum Institute	National Ground Water Association
American Planning Association	National Hispanic Construction Association
American Public Transportation Association	National Industrial Sand Association
American Public Works Association (APWA)	National League of Cities
American Road & Transportation Builders Association	National Lime Association
American Society of Civil Engineers	National Lumber and Building Material Dealers Association
American Supply Association	National Marine Manufacturers Association
American Traffic Safety Services Association	National Oilseed Processors Association
American Wind Energy Association	National Precast Concrete Association
American Wire Producers Association	National Railroad Construction & Maintenance Association (NRC)
American Wood Council	National Retail Federation
AMT - The Association for Manufacturing Technology	National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association
Associated Equipment Distributors	National Utility Contractors Association
Associated General Contractors of America	National Waste & Recycling Association
Association for the Improvement of American Infrastructure (AIAI)	National Wooden Pallet and Container Association
Association of Equipment Manufacturers	Non-Ferrous Founders' Society
Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers	North America's Building Trades Unions
Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations	Outdoor Power Equipment Institute
Bakery Equipment Manufacturers & Allied	Plastic Pipe and Fittings Association
	Plastics Industry Association
	Plastics Pipe Institute

Bond Dealers of America
Brick Industry Association
Building America's Future
Coalition for America's Gateways & Trade
Corridors
Common Good
Composite Panel Association
Construction Management Association of
America
Consumer Specialty Products Association
Copper & Brass Fabricators Council
Fabricators and Manufacturers Association,
International
Fashion Accessories Shippers Association
(FASA)
Gemini Shippers Association
Hydraulic Institute
INDA, The Association of the Nonwoven
Fabrics Industry
Industrial Minerals Association - North
America
Institute of Makers of Explosives
Interlocking Concrete Pavement Institute
International Bottled Water Association
International Bridge, Tunnel and Turnpike
Association (IBTTA)

Plumbing Manufacturers International
Portland Cement Association
Power Transmission Distributors Association
Rail Passengers Association
Railway Engineering-Maintenance Suppliers
Association (REMSA)
Railway Supply Institute
Resilient Floor Covering Institute
Retail Industry Leaders Association
Security Industry Association
SIFMA
The Adhesive and Sealant Council
The Design-Build Institute of America
The Fertilizer Institute
The United States Conference of Mayors
Travel Goods Association (TGA)
Treated Wood Council
TRSA - The Linen, Uniform and Facility
Services Association
U.S. Tire Manufacturers Association
U.S. Travel Association
US Water Alliance
Vinyl Institute
Waterways Council, Inc.

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Design, Fund, Build and Celebrate: An Infrastructure Working Group Reception

The National Association of Manufacturers (NAM) and The Associated General Contractors (AGC) of America invite you to the Infrastructure Working Group (IWG) Hill Days Closing Reception. Through the IWG, 120 associations have come together to advance an infrastructure initiative in Congress. Join business, labor, local government officials and more in the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Room for Design, Fund, Build and Celebrate: An Infrastructure Working Group Reception.

Date: Wednesday, March 7, 2018
Time: 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Location: 2167 Rayburn House Office Building
45 Independence Ave SW, Washington, DC 20515

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Questions or comments?

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The 6th annual Infrastructure Week - May 14 to 21, 2018

Infrastructure Week is a week-long series of national programming to draw attention to infrastructure's importance to our economy, jobs, communities, and future. Led by our Steering Committee and coordinated by more than 300 Affiliates, we'll host hundreds of events around America, speak out in the press, reach millions of citizens through social media, and drive home the message that **too many Americans are still waiting for modern, fast, reliable, and safe infrastructure. And while we wait, the future won't. It's #TimeToBuild.**



In 2017 we hosted more than 100 events around the country, engaged Congressional offices from all 50 states, stood out in national press, and made more than 175 million impressions on social media. Infrastructure Week is a platform and opportunity for you to engage your members, brag about what your successes, and be a squeaky wheel where it's needed. Contact us to become an Affiliate and to learn more about participating.

When/where: May 14-21, 2018, In Washington, D.C., around America, in the press, and on social media

Who: You. Your company. Your mayor, state legislator, or Congressional delegation. Your water and electric utilities and public transit agencies. Your trade association or your members. Your local Chamber of Commerce, contractors, and labor unions. Infrastructure week includes transportation, energy, water, and communications infrastructure. It is non-partisan and does not lobby for specific legislation.



How to Participate: There is no cost to participate (except the cost of inaction). Your organization can formally become part of Infrastructure Week by becoming an Affiliate. Then use our toolkit to help you plan an event, participate in the press and on social media, and tell your story. Go to www.infrastructureweek.org/participate to download our toolkit.

Help us spread the word now! Visit www.infrastructureweek.org/shareables for draft tweets and graphics.



Contact us to learn more: Zach Schafer, Executive Director: zach@infrastructureweek.org

Infrastructure Week is proudly led by our Steering Committee:



U.S. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



Infrastructure Week 2018 Message Guide

The Future Won't Wait. Neither can we. It's #TimeToBuild



Too many Americans are waiting. We're waiting in traffic, on bus and subway platforms, and in airport terminals. We're waiting for water mains to stop breaking. We're waiting for goods to get to grocery shelves on time. We're waiting to connect high-speed internet to more homes, schools, and businesses; waiting for a security energy grid that can withstand the challenges of the 21st century. We're waiting for the high-quality jobs that investment in infrastructure creates. **We're waiting for modern, fast, reliable, and safe infrastructure.**

And while we wait, the future won't. Our global competitors are modernizing old systems and building new ones, with profound implications for trade, business competitiveness, and geopolitics. New technologies with the power to save us time, make us safer, and improve our lives are evolving faster than our regulations are keeping up. The future is just over the horizon, but we're stuck. **As we prepare for the sixth annual Infrastructure Week in 2018, we are telling our leaders: it is #TimeToBuild.**

Our infrastructure problems are not going away, and every day we wait, the cost of inaction rises: lost time, lost productivity, and increasingly expensive maintenance and construction costs. While Washington debates how to move forward, Americans are footing the bill on their own – to the tune of an additional \$9 every day for each American family.¹



The poor quality of our nation's roads costs the average motorist \$533² each year in auto repairs, and commuters waste 42 hours³ and \$1,200 in fuel per person and idling in traffic. Aging and strained water utilities are rushing to keep pace with demand, while water-reliant businesses from breweries to automakers lose as much as \$5,800⁴ per employee for each day of disrupted service. The combined costs of damaged and delayed shipments ripple across supply chains – and are passed on to consumers. More than \$1.3 trillion⁵ in property lies in the path of under-maintained aging levees, dams, and other critical infrastructure, putting whole communities at risk.

Yes, we have made some progress. Many state and local leaders are succeeding at raising revenue, attracting investors, and delivering the projects communities need to thrive in the 21st century. We're shrinking our deficit of structurally deficient bridges as thousands are repaired or rebuilt. Many drinking water utilities are upgrading their systems, making water safer and delivery more reliable, and wastewater utilities are investing in technologies to mine valuable resources and energy sources. Companies are starting to deploy 5G communications in some cities. And cutting edge local governments and companies are deploying revolutionary planning tools and technologies, from transit and rideshare partnerships, to advanced sensors that triage and fix our infrastructure before it breaks.

But agreeing on a national vision for infrastructure, and a plan to pay for it? We still have a long way to go. False starts, delayed starts, deferred maintenance, and inadequate levels of investment are putting our infrastructure, our safety, and our economic competitiveness at risk. Cities, counties, states and the private sector are working hard, but need a **strong, reliable federal partner to get the job done.**



This is the rare bipartisan issue where business, labor, and public-sector leaders from across the country stand shoulder to shoulder, asking for Washington's help to rebuild and modernize our infrastructure. Now in its sixth year, and led by a coalition of leading labor, business, and policy organizations, Infrastructure Week is uniting voices in Washington and from coast to coast. **Our message this year is clear: we've waited long enough, and the future won't wait. It is #TimeToBuild**

¹ ASCE, *Failure to Act*, 2016

² TRIP, National Factsheet, May 2017

³ ASCE, *2017 Infrastructure Report Card*

⁴ Value of Water Campaign, *Economic Benefits of Investing in Water Infrastructure*, 2017

⁵ ASCE, *2017 Infrastructure Report Card*