

THE WHITE HOUSE
Office of the Press Secretary
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
January 30, 2018

PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP WILL REBUILD AMERICAN INFRASTRUCTURE AND FORGE A PATH TOWARDS GREATER PROSPERITY

“As we rebuild our industries, it is also time to rebuild our crumbling infrastructure.” – President Donald J. Trump

AMERICA’S INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS HELP: American infrastructure has fallen behind due to years of inaction and a broken permitting system.

- The United States ranks tenth in the world in terms of quality of overall infrastructure, according to the World Economic Forum.
- One out of every five miles of U.S. highway pavement is in poor condition.
- Americans spent an estimated 6.9 billion hours delayed in traffic in 2014, or 42 hours per driver.
- One third of America’s bridges are 50 years or older.
- There are an estimated 240,000 water main breaks every year in the U.S.
- Red tape has held back American infrastructure investment.
 - The median time to complete an environmental review process of complex highway projects is at least 7 years, according to a 2014 report by the Government Accountability Office (GAO).

REBUILDING AMERICA: President Donald J. Trump’s plan will renew our country’s once-great infrastructure and help build a more prosperous future for all Americans.

- President Trump’s proposal will generate at least \$1.5 trillion in infrastructure investment over the next decade.
 - This investment in American infrastructure will raise wages and improve quality of life for the American people.
- President Trump is putting forward a long-term solution that builds off of strong partnerships between Federal, state, tribal, and local authorities.
 - Half of the new infrastructure funds would go towards incentivizing new state and local investments in infrastructure.
 - President Trump’s plan will empower state and local authorities to prioritize infrastructure projects based on their community’s needs.
- This plan will eliminate unnecessary redundancies and inefficiencies in the regulatory and permitting process that are holding back American infrastructure development.

- The President's plan will address the infrastructure needs of rural America.
 - A quarter of the Federal funds will be dedicated to addressing rural infrastructure needs prioritized by state and local leaders.
 - These funds will go towards rebuilding roads, providing clean water to rural families and businesses, expanding broadband access, and supplying affordable, reliable power.
- President Trump's proposal will encourage the development of new, transformative infrastructure projects.

BUILDING OFF OF YEAR ONE: President Trump will continue to build off of the action his Administration took in its first year to improve American infrastructure.

- On August 15, 2017, President Trump signed an Executive Order to streamline the environmental review and permitting process for major infrastructure projects.
 - The Executive Order established a two-year goal for the environmental review process.
- In his first year in office, President Trump approved key infrastructure projects such as the Keystone XL and Dakota Access pipelines.
- President Trump's Rural Prosperity Task Force released a report detailing recommendations as to how the Administration can promote a more prosperous future for rural America.
- On January 8, 2018, President Trump signed an Executive Order on Streamlining and Expediting Requests to Locate Broadband Facilities in Rural America.
- President Trump's Department of Agriculture (USDA) has already begun investing in infrastructure projects in rural America.
 - On January 19, 2018, the USDA announced it is awarding 72 grants totaling \$23.6 million for equipment that uses broadband internet to increase access to educational and health services for rural Americans.
 - President Trump's Department of Agriculture has announced that it will invest more than \$200 million to help improve broadband access in rural areas.
 - In FY 2017, the USDA invested more than \$40 million in infrastructure improvement projects in rural communities.

###

[Unsubscribe](#)