



BACKGROUND

Infrastructure Investment

Nearly every construction project in America requires cement and concrete. These materials are critical to the construction of highways, bridges, tunnels, mass transit systems, airports, runways, sidewalks, bike trails, alternative energy facilities, windmills, dams, spillways, reservoirs, drinking and wastewater infrastructure, and commercial and residential buildings.

Cement and concrete are essential for building resilient, durable infrastructure and constructing residential and commercial buildings that will better withstand the impacts of climate change and the effects of natural disasters. With a rise in annual billion-dollar disasters and the economic and environmental costs associated with rebuilding, it is imperative that America's infrastructure investment is designed and constructed to last for generations.

STATUS

Our nation's infrastructure continues to age to the point where much of it is being used much past its intended design life. In many cases, the demand placed on the system far exceeds its capacity, creating choke points throughout the system. This comes at the same time the nation is facing an investment gap of more than \$500 billion annually to not only address the backlog in maintenance but also future needs.

SOLUTIONS

- Pass a Bipartisan a Long-Term Reauthorization of the Surface Transportation Program
 - Increase investment in the nation's transportation system as well as finally address the long-term revenue shortfalls in the Highway Trust Fund.
 - Advance investment in resilient infrastructure that can better withstand the increase in the number and intensity of natural disasters.
- Invest in Critical Technology Deployment and Applied Research
 - Reauthorize the Accelerated Implementation and Deployment of Pavement Technologies Program (in USC 23 Section 503), focused on advancing the latest innovations, best practices, and technologies for constructing and maintaining high-quality, cost effective and long-lasting pavements.
 - As part of the annual Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development appropriations bill fund the Airfield Pavement Technology Program, which invests in applied airfield pavement research to ensure that airfield pavements are high-quality, durable, safe, and cost-effective.
- Invest in Critical Water Infrastructure
 - Continue the cycle of passing a Water Resources Development Act every two years to advance critical Army Corps of Engineers projects that help communities invest in flood risk management, ecosystem restoration, navigation, hurricane and storm damage reduction, and water supply projects.
 - Pass S. 914, the Drinking Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Act, to reauthorize the Clean and Drinking Water State Revolving Funds, WIFIA, and prioritize investment in resilient infrastructure.