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2020 Presidential Candidates on Transportation

President Donald J. Trump, Republican

[Building a Stronger America](#) infrastructure plan announced Feb. 12, 2018.

- \$200 billion in federal investment to spur \$1.5 trillion in infrastructure spending including highways, transit, brownfields, rail, and water
- Contains ARTBA-supported regulatory reforms, such as streamlining requirements under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and “One Federal Decision”
- Prioritizes rural infrastructure investment

On Funding:

- Plan relies heavily on state, local, and private sector investment

Additional Information:

- President Trump during his 2020 State of the Union Address urged Congress to pass S. 2302, America’s Transportation Infrastructure Act, the Senate’s 5-year, \$287 billion highway reauthorization bill
- FY2021 budget request outlines a 10-year, \$810 billion surface transportation bill, including \$190 billion in “additional infrastructure investment”
- Pledges in budget to work with Congress to find revenue

Tweets from @realDonaldTrump

“With interest rates for the United States being at ZERO, this is the time to do our decades long awaited Infrastructure Bill. It should be VERY BIG & BOLD, Two Trillion Dollars, and be focused solely on jobs and rebuilding the once great infrastructure of our Country! Phase 4”
--**March 31**

"I urge the Senate and House to pass the Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act with additional funding for PPP, Hospitals, and Testing. After I sign this Bill, we will begin discussions on the next Legislative Initiative with fiscal relief...

...to State/Local Governments for lost revenues from COVID 19, much needed Infrastructure Investments for Bridges, Tunnels, Broadband, Tax Incentives for Restaurants, Entertainment, Sports, and Payroll Tax Cuts to increase Economic Growth."
--**April 21**

"Governors should let roads and highway construction begin before heavy traffic starts, which will be soon. Some Governors never stopped, which proved to be very smart. They built and fixed roads during long no traffic periods. Also, saved big dollars!"

--May 5

Former Vice President Joe Biden, Democrat

Biden has released two plans that rely on investment in infrastructure to meet goals of rebuilding the economy and boosting the middle class.

[The Biden Plan to Build Back Better](#) Economic Recovery Plan introduced in July views infrastructure through the lens of climate and green energy.

- The COVID-19 pandemic spawned a new, four-year, \$2 trillion plan to stimulate economic recovery focused on manufacturing, workforce development and green infrastructure.
- Infrastructure investment includes roads and bridges, as well as schools, broadband, water, and energy.
- Promote significant investment in “clean” transportation, environmentally construction materials, and transit.

[The Biden Plan to Invest in Middle Class Competitiveness](#) of Nov. 14, 2019 \$1.3 trillion plan invests \$50 billion in roads in the first year, with some federal funds going directly to cities and towns

- Increase U.S. DOT investment in Highway Safety Improvement Program
- Double funding for Better Utilizing Infrastructure to Leverage Development (BUILD) and Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) administered by U.S. DOT
- Broad notion of infrastructure with focus on labor, community development, manufacturing

On Funding:

- Plan would raise corporate tax rate and close tax loopholes
- “The Highway Trust Fund has for far too long been grossly underfunded. Biden will ensure new revenues are secured to stabilize the Highway Trust Fund in order to build roads, bridges, and public transportation projects.”

Additional Information:

“Together, we can, and we will, rebuild our economy. And when we do, we'll not only build it back, we'll build it back better. With modern roads, bridges, highways, broadband, ports and airports as a new foundation for economic growth.” Biden’s Aug. 20 nomination acceptance speech.

- As a U.S. senator, Biden opposed an increase in the gas tax in 1990, but supported an increase in 1993. He supported the redirection of gas tax revenues to the Highway Trust Fund in 1997.

Key Dates:

Sept. 18: First early voting begins in Minnesota and South Dakota. Other states begin voting 30 days before the election. Check details with state and local officials.

Sept. 29: Presidential debate

Oct. 7: Vice Presidential debate

Oct. 15: Presidential debate

Oct. 22: Presidential debate

Nov. 3: Election Day