

PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP WORKS TO REBUILD AMERICA'S INFRASTRUCTURE

"Crumbling infrastructure will be replaced with new roads, bridges, tunnels, airports, and railways gleaming across our very, very beautiful land." – President Donald J. Trump

MODERNIZING AN OUTDATED SYSTEM: The Federal Government's system for completing environmental reviews is fragmented, inefficient, and unpredictable to the American people.

- Because of the burdens, delays, and uncertainties created by Federal red tape, major infrastructure projects are held up for years at significant cost to our economy.
 - According to a 2014 Government Accountability Office (GAO) report, it takes 7 years on average for a complex highway project to go through the entire environmental review process.
 - According to the National Association of Environmental Professionals, a single agency takes 3.7 to 5 years on average to complete an environmental review.
 - One study has found that the average delay of 6 years for major infrastructure projects costs the United States economy over \$3.7 trillion dollars.
- Currently, the Federal Government does not adequately assess the costs of completing Federal environmental analyses for major infrastructure projects.
 - The Executive Order will require agencies to track the costs of conducting environmental reviews and making permitting decisions.

REMOVING ROADBLOCKS TO IMPROVED INFRASTRUCTURE: Today, President Donald J. Trump signed an Executive Order entitled, "Establishing Discipline and Accountability in the Environmental Review and Permitting Process for Infrastructure Projects."

- The Executive Order will make the necessary environmental reviews and permitting decisions for major infrastructure projects more efficient.
 - Rather than the current uncoordinated patchwork of agency reviews, this Executive Order implements a One Federal Decision policy under which the lead Federal agency works with other relevant Federal agencies to complete the environmental reviews and permitting decisions needed for major infrastructure projects.
 - After each agency signs a joint Record of Decision, all decisions on Federal permits should be made within 90 days.
 - The order establishes a two-year goal for agencies to process environmental documents for major infrastructure projects.
- The Trump Administration will review the entire environmental review and permitting process to improve performance across the Government and hold every agency accountable. Under this order:
 - The Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) will develop and implement an action plan to improve environmental reviews Government-wide.
 - CEQ can mediate disagreements between agencies over environmental reviews, so decisions are not delayed amid bureaucratic disputes.
 - The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) will develop a two-year Government-wide modernization goal for environmental reviews and permitting decisions, and will ensure that agencies take meaningful steps to achieve it.
 - Agencies will modify their strategic plans to include goals for improving their environmental review and permitting processes, and agency officials will be accountable for showing improvement, consistent with guidance to be provided by OMB.

- OMB will establish a performance accountability system and score each agency on its implementation of the Executive Order. Poor performance will be considered in budget formulation and could result in the imposition of penalties.
- Agencies will also be held accountable for implementing best practices that are proven to enhance the environmental review and permitting process.
- The Executive Order makes clear that environmental protections will be maintained and can be achieved without the inefficiencies that needlessly impede infrastructure projects across the country.

BUILDING ON PAST SUCCESS: President Trump has made infrastructure a priority and has taken action to rebuild America.

- President Trump has unleashed oil and gas development in the United States by expanding access to resources and the infrastructure needed to get them to market.
 - President Trump approved the Keystone XL and Dakota Access pipelines, estimated to create more than 42,000 jobs and \$2 billion in earnings.
 - President Trump signed an Executive Order mandating future pipeline work to be done by American workers and with American steel where feasible.
- President Trump has dedicated \$200 billion in the budget as part of a \$1 trillion infrastructure investment plan.
 - Rural America will receive grants to rebuild crippled bridges, roads, and waterways.
 - States and cities will receive grants to encourage increased investment in their own infrastructure.
 - Lending programs will be expanded to spur development of transportation, water, and other core infrastructure.
- Government will get out of the way to allow State and local governments to effectively meet their unique challenges.
 - Less than one-fifth of infrastructure spending comes from the Federal Government; the vast majority comes from States, localities, and the private sector.