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National Infrastructure Week—Bipartisanship Not Enough

Often we hear that rebuilding America’s infrastructure is an opportunity for bipartisan cooperation. And that’s true. But the results have been meager for too many years as Congress after Congress, and Administration after Administration, has been satisfied with minimal gains.

This has brought us to the present deplorable condition of our infrastructure.

President Trump’s often-stated goal of significantly ramping up infrastructure investment tantalizes us with the prospect of breaking the decades-long cycle of Band-Aid solutions. He speaks of a program on par with the Transcontinental Railroad or the Eisenhower Interstate System. Will Congress step up to that challenge?

Considering the wide range of our infrastructure needs—from highways to water systems, energy, aviation and communications – even the President’s \$1 trillion over 10 years does not seem particularly large. We might be spending that amount in any case, even without any new program.

As we enter “Infrastructure Week 2017,” there’s no better time for all of us to “get real” about our needs and not let ourselves off the hook by thinking too small. Bipartisanship is not enough.

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