

THE INFRASTRUCTURE PACKAGE

A key priority for both the Biden administration and the 117th Congress has been to reach a consensus on a broad infrastructure package. President Biden is engaged in negotiations with a bipartisan group of members of Congress to reach a solution. Signal's advocacy team offers their insights on what to expect from a potential package.

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Congress will likely make some departures from the President's plan but will generally follow the framework that the President outlined at a lower price point and likely with different sources of revenue. Defining the scope and scale of the bill will be the heavy lift in the near term, but the policy details will come together in a way that balances congressional and White House priorities.



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In 2020 the Federal Reserve found that active business owners fell by 22 percent with minority-owned firms declining even more. The infrastructure proposal will help small businesses recover. The proposal includes community-based small business incubators and innovation hubs, a rural partnership program, and funding for HBCU's and MSI's research and development. In every area of the country, small firms employ the greatest number of people and these investments will spur recovery, growth, and innovation.

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The infrastructure package includes wide-ranging broadband provisions. These will help address the need to secure networks, both from a national security perspective, industry accounts, and major parts of the civilian community. Wide broadband must require that all networks are properly secured and have the ability to withstand cyberattacks and hacking from foreign entities with malicious intent.



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There isn't a single congressional district in the country where infrastructure investments aren't wildly popular and poll off the charts – such investments create jobs, support economic development and increase America's competitiveness in the world. There is a reason both sides continue to return to the negotiating table trying to strike a deal on infrastructure. Neither side will want to be seen as having stood in the way of rebuilding America's crumbling infrastructure.



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This is the beginning of a new day for water infrastructure. It's telling that more than doubling their investment in water infrastructure is the way the Senate GOP—led by water champ Sen. Shelley Moore Capito—thinks they can win over President Biden and get a bipartisan infrastructure bill. The polling bears this out—investing in water infrastructure is extremely bipartisan, and more popular than even eliminating COVID-19.



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This infrastructure package will be a pivotal moment to redefine how we view traditional infrastructure. Natural climate solutions, such as watershed management, coastal restoration and forestry conservation, ensure our local communities are resilient against natural disasters and provide a multitude of environmental and economic benefits. There's bipartisan congressional support for these policies and a high likelihood that natural infrastructure will be included in the final package.



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