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# A Bold Bipartisan Plan to Rebuild American Infrastructure: Broadband

BPC's is proposing a **\$1 trillion** infrastructure investment package to be spent over the next five years, prioritizing traditional infrastructure projects that will put Americans back to work, expand digital access, provide child care facilities, grow the supply of affordable homes, and promote infrastructure that will decarbonize the economy. An effective national infrastructure plan must include regulatory, administrative, permitting, and environmental provisions—none of which can be included in a budget reconciliation bill. Congress should pursue regular order, rather than a partisan reconciliation strategy, to achieve the best outcomes for the American people

Broadband remains unavailable or unused by nearly a quarter of the U.S. population. An estimated 16% of rural and tribal areas lack sufficient broadband access. Despite increased access to broadband in most urban settings, millions of Americans do not have the resources to afford a connection in their homes. Over the past 10 years, home data needs have risen 800%.

This funding will support accurate mapping of connection speeds and large investments in future-proof broadband infrastructure to ensure rural and tribal areas do not get left behind in the digital divide. In addition, BPC's proposal calls for revitalizing the Lifeline program in the Universal Service Fund to meet the needs of every eligible person will require more efficient use of resources and funding broadband access through VA benefits.

**Broadband  
Deployment:  
\$60 billion**

**Broadband  
Adoption:  
\$20 billion**

