Call to Action

The Bipartisan Policy Center’s Executive Council on Infrastructure invites you to join our Call to Action to establish a New American Model for Investing in Infrastructure.

The council, formed in May 2015, recognizes that investing in the nation’s infrastructure is critical to keeping economic growth strong. The backlog of investment needs continues to grow with $2 trillion needed for infrastructure over the next several years. No one sector, public or private, can solve our degrading infrastructure alone.

The result of the council’s work over the past year is a plan to create a New American Model for Investing in Infrastructure, one in which the public and private sectors work together to make a transformative impact on our nation’s infrastructure, create millions of jobs, maintain the health, safety, and security of our communities, and put our nation on track for decades of greater prosperity.

Join us by endorsing the council’s overarching goal to bring more private capital into U.S. infrastructure through the following core principles:

- Projects proceed only after public benefits have been identified and clearly stated;
- Infrastructure investment decisions incorporate full life-cycle evaluation, beyond upfront costs;
- Project benefits, costs, and risks are completely accounted for and made publicly transparent;
- The risk of not investing is quantified and compared against the costs of action; and
- Public and private sector partners share the risks, costs, and benefits.

To advance this effort, BPC Executive Council leaders and staff commit to the following next step actions: supporting state and local officials in passing P3 legislation; providing guidelines for developing and evaluating state and local asset inventories; aiding in the development of a central clearinghouse for information and technical assistance on P3s; and applying our new model for investing in infrastructure to the crisis in water and wastewater infrastructure.

These core principles and actions are the foundation for specific recommendations proposed in the council’s report, Bridging the Gap Together: A New Model for Modernizing America’s Infrastructure. These actions, coupled with new funding sources and financial tools, will lead to more modern, higher-quality, and more resilient infrastructure networks across the country.

To join us in this effort, please send your name, title, company name, and email address to infrastructure@bipartisanpolicy.org