



The Challenge

Americans need affordable, dependable transportation options to maintain their way of life. The transportation sector is also the largest source of greenhouse gas emissions in the United States, accounting for 29 percent of annual emissions . Globally, transportation accounts for about 20 percent of total carbon dioxide emissions.

The Opportunity

Removing government-imposed barriers to infrastructure projects will stretch taxpayer dollars further to build more roads and bridges. Regulatory reform will also inject more private capital into projects and deliver cleaner, more resilient infrastructure. Moreover, reducing congestion will provide many economic and environmental benefits including fuel savings, reduced pollution, fewer greenhouse gas emissions, and less traffic noise.

The Solutions

To improve America's transportation and infrastructure needs, Congress and the administration should:

- Modernize the National Environmental Policy Act.
- Repeal Davis-Bacon Act requirements.
- End "Buy America" Restrictions.
- Improve Opportunities for Public Private Partnerships.
- Repeal the Foreign Dredge Act and the Jones Act.
- Deploy smart technologies and deploy congestion pricing where applicable.
- Eliminate targeted tax credits or replace them with a technology-neutral approach that improves efficiency and reduces abatement cost per dollar spent.
- Allow the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to engage in private-sector financing for the federally owned fleet of power projects.

Key Facts

- The largest [sources](#) of transportation emissions are light-duty vehicles (58%), medium- and heavy-duty trucks (24%), and aircraft (10%).
- 90 percent of America’s transportation needs [are met through petroleum](#) (gasoline, diesel, and jet fuel).
- Real dollar, per mile construction costs tripled from the 1960s to the 1990s.
- Davis-Bacon [requirements](#) “inflate the cost of federal construction by nearly 10 percent on average.”
- With just an inch of additional depth, a cargo ship could transport millions of dollars worth of cargo per trip. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration [equates that additional inch of depth to](#) “50 more tractors, 5,000 televisions, 30,000 laptops, or 770,000 bushels of wheat.”

Legislation to Follow:

Legislation	Bill #(s)	House Sponsor	Senate Sponsor	House Cosponsor(s)	Senate Cosponsor(s)
BUILDER Act	H.R.1577	Graves (R-LA-6)			
TAPP Act	H.R. 1335	Westerman (R-AR-4)		Graves (R-LA-6), Stauber (R-MN-8)	
National Construction Safety Team Act of 2023	H.R. 4143	Lofgren (D-CA-18)		Lucas (R-OK-3)	
American Offshore Wind Opportunity Act	H.R.3614	Scott (D-VA-3)		Panetta (D-CA-19), Auchincloss (D-MA-4), Ross (D-NC-2)	
Rebuilding Rural Roads Act	H.R.3002	Finstad (R-MN-1)		Stauber (R-MN-8)	