

Former Mayors and Governors Support the Bipartisan Infrastructure Framework

Washington, D.C. — Today, a group of former mayors and governors released the following statement supporting the Bipartisan Infrastructure Framework.

“As former elected Mayors and Governors, we understand how crucially important it is to improve and modernize America’s infrastructure. The country and Congress have been debating for years the need to update and invest in vital projects, so we are pleased that both Democratic and Republican Senators have come together to propose the largest long-term infrastructure investment in nearly a century.

We know first-hand the overwhelming need for improvement. We can give you examples from across the country, in our cities and states, of worthy projects postponed or cancelled for lack of funding and imagination. We now must build a 21st century infrastructure to support a 21st century economy.

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Framework includes policy and funding solutions for our most pressing problems and challenges. Americans need improved roads and bridges, broadband, transit, energy, water systems, and climate solutions—and we need to be designing and building for the future. The Framework also allows for programs to support projects of regional and national significance—an idea long overdue—projects that would not otherwise receive funding.

Again, as former elected officials we recognize the needs in our communities and applaud the bipartisan work in the Senate and the House, but it is now time to solve this problem and invest in the U.S. infrastructure that sustains our daily lives and the economy.

We stand ready to work with either side of the aisle in the House and Senate, and with the White House to accomplish this goal.”

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Former Mayor
Oklahoma City, OK

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Michigan

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Former Governor
Iowa

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Former Mayor
Detroit, MI

Alvin Brown
Former Mayor
Jacksonville, FL

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Former Governor
Vermont

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Former Governor
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Tampa, FL

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Manny Diaz
Former Mayor
Miami, FL

Andy Berke
Former Mayor
Chatanooga, TN

Christopher Cabaldon
Former Mayor
West Sacramento, CA

James Florio
Former Governor
New Jersey

Virgil Bernero
Former Mayor
Lansing, MI

Kirk Caldwell
Former Mayor
Honolulu, HI

Anthony Foxx
Former Mayor
Charlotte, NC

“America is long-overdue to make a major investment in our infrastructure – and the future of our economy and our quality of life is at stake. The House and Senate need to come together to pass meaningful legislation to improve and modernize our infrastructure. We can’t miss this opportunity to invest in our country and we can’t build a future on last century’s infrastructure. We need to act now.”

- Former Pennsylvania Governor Ed Rendell

“Equity is about making investments where they’re needed the most, and the BIF does exactly that. By supporting families in need everywhere with good jobs that make our whole country stronger, the plan represents the most significant such investment in more than a generation. Atlanta prides itself on being a city where the Black professional class has been able to thrive and we need a plan that unlocks this kind of economic opportunity for all families, all over the country. If Congress acts now, we can build back and move forward together.”

- Former Atlanta Mayor Shirley Franklin

Shirley Franklin
Former Mayor
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Betsy Hodges
Former Mayor
Minneapolis, MN

Mitch Landrieu
Former Mayor
New Orleans, LA

Karen Freeman-Wilson
Former Mayor
Gary, IN

James Hodges
Former Governor
South Carolina

Dannel Malloy
Former Governor
Connecticut &
Former Mayor
Stamford, CT

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Former Mayor
Tempe, AZ

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Former Mayor
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Former Mayor
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North Little Rock, AR

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Former Mayor
Beaufort, SC

Jay Nixon
Former Governor
Missouri

George Heartwell
Former Mayor
Grand Rapids, MI

Ron Kirk
Former Mayor
Dallas, TX

Michael Nutter
Former Mayor
Philadelphia, PA

“To move our country forward, we need a vision and a long-term infrastructure strategy. The U.S. is the world’s leader in innovation and we must come together to reward that innovation and creativity to modernize our American infrastructure. As a former Governor and Cabinet official, I witnessed first-hand the benefits of a strong Federal and state and local partnership. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Framework will enhance that partnership for the good of the country”

- Former New Jersey Governor Christine Whitman

“America is at a crossroads right now, and if Congress fails to make the right investments today, our economy will be on a rocky path for generations to come. It doesn’t have to be that way. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Framework has the potential to boost cities like Chattanooga all across the country, putting more money in American’s pockets and more opportunities in our neighborhoods. The longer Congress waits to do the right thing, the longer people will miss out.”

- Former Chattanooga Mayor Andy Berke

Martin O'Malley
Former Governor
Maryland &
Former Mayor
Baltimore, MD

Sharon Priest
Former Mayor
Little Rock, AR

Robert Reichert
Former Mayor
Macon, GA

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Pennsylvania &
Former Mayor
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Former Mayor
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Dayne Walling
Former Mayor
Flint, MI

A C Wharton
Former Mayor
Memphis, TN

Christine Whitman
Former Governor
New Jersey

“People in Oklahoma believe that the government closest to the people knows what’s best for the people. This is why I hope Congress is listening when we say that it’s time for the federal government to put politics aside and give us the infrastructure we need. In addition to the federal dollars, there’s a lot of private sector money that is sitting on the sidelines. The sooner Congress acts, the sooner we can activate private sector investments to make our dollars stretch even more. To Oklahoma’s families, these aren’t theoretical debates or political talking points—these are choices that impact our ability to get to work. Our message to Congress: let’s get moving.”

- Former Oklahoma City Mayor Mick Cornett