



Republican Lawmakers Agree: Investments In Infrastructure Overdue And Critical For Economic Growth & Recovery

Republican leaders have advocated for a robust investment in infrastructure as part of the economic recovery from the pandemic.

- **Senator Lindsey Graham (R-SC)**

- “I want to do infrastructure [...] It really is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to give a facelift to the country.” [Forbes, [5/21/20](#)]

- **Senator Roy Blunt (R-MO)**

- “Personally, I’d like to see infrastructure. I’m probably closer to where the President is on that topic than where a number of my colleagues are.” [CNN, [5/20/20](#)]

- **Senator Richard Shelby (R-AL)**

- “I’ve advocated [a new infrastructure spending bill] for years [...] I wish we had already done it. It could be, long-term, as meaningful as anything we could do, but I want to see the particulars.” [The Hill, [6/17/20](#)]

- **Senator Roger Wicker (R-MS)**

- “Wicker said the Senate needs to ‘seriously consider putting part of the infrastructure bill’ in the next phase [of Covid relief], along with potentially providing aid to ailing industries, including tourism and restaurants.” [CNN, [5/20/20](#)]

- **Senator Rob Portman (R-OH)**

- “I think there are areas where we can do something. Rural broadband is very popular among many of my colleagues.” [The Hill, [6/17/20](#)]



- **Senator Lisa Murkowski (R-AK)**

- “The energy industry is an important component of how we move to this phase of economic recovery [...] An opportunity to update and modernize our energy policies in a way that benefits us all is something I hope we can all agree on.” [Office of U.S. Sen. Lisa Murkowski, Press Release, [6/19/20](#)]

- **Representative Sam Graves (R-MO-06)**

- “Infrastructure always has been and always will be the backbone of our economy. Congress can help provide a strong economic recovery and a strong economic future by working in partnership – not partisanship – to address America’s infrastructure needs.” [House Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure, [4/1/20](#)]

Last year, House and Senate Republicans were eager to pass an infrastructure package that included funding for roads, bridges, and expanding access to high speed internet.

- **Republican House Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure**

- “In the planned Committee development of a long-term surface transportation reauthorization bill, Republican Members will focus on some core principles: [...] Incorporating innovative developments in technology to improve our infrastructure – technological innovation has dramatic potential to increase transportation efficiency, improve safety and the environment, and create jobs. Our federal policies must better reflect this reality.” [House Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure, [2/3/20](#)]
- “Infrastructure remains an issue on which Congress can get something done this year, and Committee Republicans stand ready to work with Committee Democrats to pass bills that can earn bipartisan support and the President’s signature. Committee Members on both sides of the aisle know that’s the only recipe for success for infrastructure legislation, such as a Water Resources Development Act, and a surface



transportation reauthorization bill.” [House Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure, [2/3/20](#)]

- “Addressing the infrastructure needs of America’s rural communities – 71% of U.S. public road lane-mileage is in rural America. Any increased investment in federal infrastructure funding must ensure that small and rural communities are getting a fair shake and are not being left behind in rebuilding our Nation’s transportation network.” [House Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure, [2/3/20](#)]

Now, Congress has the opportunity to pass the American Jobs Plan, an ambitious plan to modernize the nation’s infrastructure, get Americans back to work, and invest in the country’s long-term success.