

# DELIVERING FOR AMERICA & NORTH CAROLINA

North Carolina households and businesses benefit from reinvesting in America's infrastructure systems



## Investing in the nation's infrastructure benefits America.

Increasing investment in the nation's public infrastructure systems to return them to a state of good repair, expand capacity to meet future demand, and support innovative solutions to future challenges is good for the country and for North Carolina. Renewing infrastructure investment will put thousands of dollars into the pockets of American households, drive productivity and boost growth, and support expanded private investment.

Return on  
U.S. Investment

**\$3.70**

Return on every additional  
\$1 invested in infrastructure  
over 20 years

Long-Term  
U.S. GDP

**+\$5.9Tril**

Additional real  
economic output  
over 20 years

U.S. Average  
Real Wages

**+\$1.34/hr**

Additional average  
real hourly wages  
after 20 years

U.S. Private  
Investment

**+\$1.9Tril**

Additional private  
investment over  
20 years



## Investing in the nation's infrastructure benefits North Carolina.

### Benefits for North Carolina Households

Infrastructure investment increases real disposable income for North Carolina households.



**+\$1,000** average more per year over 20 years

**+\$19,000** more in total over 20 years

### Benefits for North Carolina Workers

Infrastructure investment creates more jobs for North Carolina workers.



**+27k** additional North Carolina jobs  
by 2028

### Benefits for North Carolina Businesses

Infrastructure investment drives productivity and boosts output in North Carolina industries.

20-year Cumulative Addition to Real Output for Top North Carolina Industries (2018\$)



**+\$88B**

Other Services\*  
(includes personal  
and non-tradable  
services)



**+\$40B**

Finance, Insurance,  
& Real Estate



**+\$31B**

Trade



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\*Other Services is comprised of personal and non-tradable services, including repair and maintenance, personal care and laundry services, religious and grantmaking organizations, and household services.

# THE COSTS OF INACTION

Failure to take action to renew investment in the nation's infrastructure imposes real and painful costs on North Carolina and the country.

## Failure to invest in infrastructure hurts system performance

- 44%** of the country's major roads are in **poor or mediocre condition**.
- 23%** of bridges in the national highway system are either **structurally deficient** or **functionally obsolete**.
- 144k** hours of **lock shutdowns** along U.S. waterways occurred due to maintenance and unexpected delays in 2016.

## Failure to invest in infrastructure costs households + businesses

- \$960** cost of congestion on major urban roadways to the **average commuter**.
- \$27 B** additional annual transportation costs to **American businesses** from inadequate infrastructure.
- \$36 B** cost to the **U.S. economy** of domestic plane travel avoided due to prior air travel complications.
- 3.8 B** gallons of **wasted fuel** in 2020 if infrastructure policies and funding remain at their recent levels.

 **The time to renew investment in the nation's infrastructure is now.**

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