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 Vermont. Renewing infrastructure investment will put thousands of dollars into the pockets of American households, drive productivity and boost growth, and support expanded private investment.

**Investing in the nation’s infrastructure benefits America.**

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

Additional real economic output over 20 years.

Additional average real hourly wages after 20 years.

Additional private investment over 20 years.

**Investing in the nation’s infrastructure benefits Vermont.**

**Benefits for Vermont Households**

Infrastructure investment increases real disposable income for Vermont households.

+$1,200 average more per year over 20 years

+$23,800 more in total over 20 years

**Benefits for Vermont Workers**

Infrastructure investment creates more jobs for Vermont workers.

+2k additional Vermont jobs by 2028

**Benefits for Vermont Businesses**

Infrastructure investment drives productivity and boosts output in Vermont industries.

20-year Cumulative Addition to Real Output for Top Vermont Industries (2018$)

+$6B Other Services* (includes personal and non-tradable services)

+$2B Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate

+$2B Construction

*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.

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THE COSTS OF INACTION

Failure to take action to renew investment in the nation’s infrastructure imposes real and painful costs on Vermont 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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