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The Contents of the Senate Compromise Infrastructure Bill and Its Prospects For Passage

A bipartisan group of 21 senators has proposed an infrastructure compromise. The proposal gives us insight into where legislation will finally land. However, paying for the new funding remains elusive with a gas tax recommendation being rejected by the Biden Administration.

The compromise proposes spending $360 billion for roads, bridges and major transportation projects; $48.5 billion for public transit; $66 billion for rail; $55 billion for water infrastructure; $65 billion for broadband and $73 billion for power infrastructure. In addition, the group is proposing spending $47.2 billion on climate resiliency, $25 billion for airports, $10 billion on electric buses and $16 billion for ports.

The current proposal cuts water infrastructure funding in half from the administration's original package, causing us concern. There will be pressure from both progressives and conservatives to change the content of the bill.

We will continue to monitor how this legislation evolves. However, we urge all our members to continue to make the case for water infrastructure funding to their Members of Congress.