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Election 2020: Potential Impacts Transportation & Infrastructure

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Historical Perspective

- **President Obama First Term (2009-2013)**
 - Appointed Republican Congressman Ray LaHood as USDOT Secretary
 - Passed American Recovery & Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA); \$787 billion stimulus package that birthed the TIGER grant program (now BUILD) and placed heavy emphasis on high-speed rail projects
 - Created Partnership for Sustainable Communities, linking transportation initiatives with housing, environmental policies; eliminating barriers to cross-agency work
 - FY 2012 Budget Request included large surface transportation reauthorization proposal to the tune of \$556 billion and focusing more on multi-modal initiatives and less on oil-dependent transportation system
 - National infrastructure bank



Historical Perspective

- **President Obama Second Term (2013-2017)**
 - Appointed Charlotte Mayor Anthony Foxx as USDOT Secretary
 - Autonomous Vehicle Proving Grounds
 - Smart Cities
 - Ladders of Opportunity
 - Grow Act, surface transportation reauthorization proposal
 - Proposed \$10-a-barrel oil tax to fund clean transport



Historical Perspective

- **President Trump First Term (2017-2021)**
 - Appointed Republican Elaine Chao as USDOT Secretary
 - Budget requests slashed funding for programs like the Capital Investment Grants program, TIGER
 - Renamed Tiger to Build, added additional criteria
 - Renamed Fastlane to Infra, added additional criteria
 - Every new regulation put into place, two had to be eliminated
 - Executive Order to streamline the permitting and review processes for infrastructure projects.
 - Proposed \$1 trillion infrastructure overhaul (transportation, water, energy, telecommunications)
 - Financing Mechanisms (Someone has to pay!)
 - Tax Credits, Tolls, PPPs, Government Bonds, Infrastructure Banks, Repatriation



Second Term – Trump Administration

- 49 point wishlist released during RNC (Platform for 2021)
 - Create 10 Million New Jobs in 10 Months
 - Create 1 Million New Small Businesses
 - "Made in America" Tax Credits
 - Expand Opportunity Zone
 - Transportation not specifically mentioned
- \$1 trillion infrastructure package still on table?
 - 10 year reauthorization?
 - Rural area focus
 - Broadband
- DOT Changes?



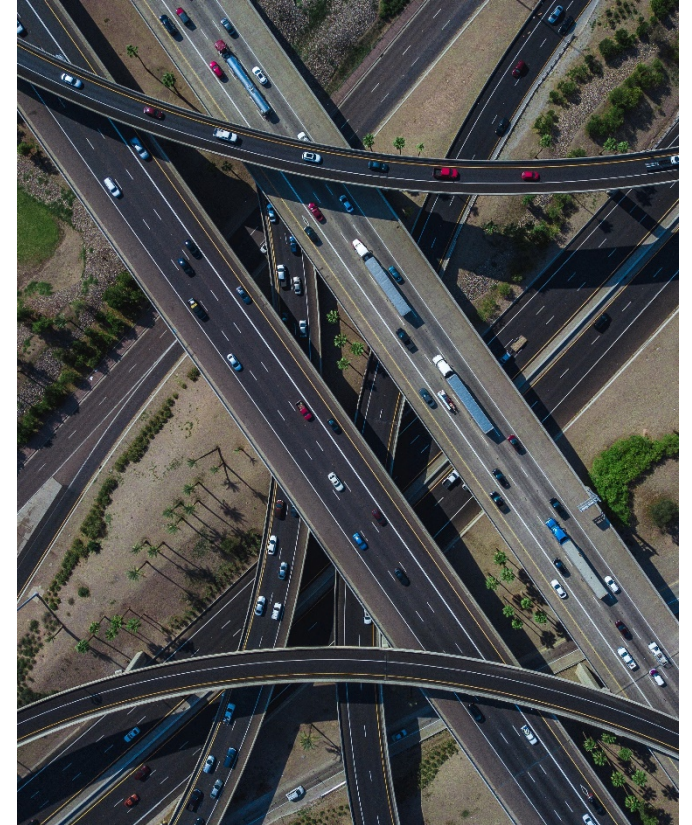
Potential Biden Administration

- Vice President Biden Calling for a transformational investment in America's Infrastructure
 - \$1.3 trillion over ten years
 - Highways, Roads, & Bridges
 - Transition to Low and No-Carbon Vehicles
 - Rail
 - Transit and Regional Planning
 - Aviation
 - Freight
 - Community Investment:
 - Aging Pipelines, Water Infrastructure
 - Broadband
 - School Modernization
 - 10-20-30 formula
 - Pro Labor and Middle Class Opportunities



Congress

- Depends on who wins election
- Surface Reauthorization
 - If President Trump Wins
 - If Vice President Biden Wins
- Still big question—HOW ARE WE GOING TO PAY FOR IT?!
- Infrastructure Spending Through Appropriations
- Possible COVID Recovery Package
 - Addressing the effects of COVID on Transportation
 - Air
 - Rail
 - Transit
- Transportation and Technology
 - How to address the advances in autonomy



Questions?

Thank You

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