

TOP 10 INFRASTRUCTURE PACKAGE ROADBLOCKS



MEMO

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The RSC has dug into the details of the \$1 trillion-plus bipartisan infrastructure package since the bill was made public Sunday night, and we are here to arm you with the **Top 10 talking points**:

1. **Not true infrastructure:** Only \$110 billion of the so-called \$1 trillion-plus bipartisan infrastructure package goes toward road, bridges and other major projects that the American people generally consider “infrastructure,” according to [analysis done by Club for Growth](#). The remaining \$1 trillion are “Green New Deal provisions.”
2. **Builds on Green New Deal plan to replace air travel with trains:** Includes \$66 billion to help fulfill AOC’s vision for massive expansions of Amtrak and other rail while explicitly [eliminating](#) taxpayer accountability from Amtrak’s mission.
3. **Fixes ‘racism’ in highways:** Part of the \$110 billion earmarked for rebuilding roads/bridges is [dedicated](#) to fixing the “racism physically built into some of our highways” Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg described.
4. **Gives “woke” regulators oversight on broadband expansion:** Gives regulators oversight to decide where and when broadband expansion occurs and [mandates](#) regulators not use federal funds in a way that discriminates on the basis of “gender identity,” [according to our friends at American Principles Project](#).
5. **Favors people who live in blue cities:** Electric vehicle owners, who [overwhelmingly live in blue cities](#), will get [\\$15 billion](#) in the form of infrastructure for their electric, zero-emission and low-emission plug-in vehicles.
6. **Pushes Left’s social justice mission:** The term “equity” is included 64 times.
7. **Too long to comprehend:** At 2,701 pages, the average reader who reads 55 pages an hour would have to spend 49 straight hours reading to finish reading the full bill.
8. **Pay-fors won’t pay for:** The BIF calls for \$550 billion in new spending *over 5 years*, but the bill won’t even cover that amount in offsets *over 10 years*... according to early analysis done by Budget Leader Jason Smith’s team. The National Taxpayers Union and the CRFB agree, explaining the bill’s pay-fors are [“gimmicky”](#) and [“phony”](#) respectively.
9. **No one knows how much it will truly cost:** That’s because, [according to POLITICO](#), Democrats have embraced [what they once denounced](#) as a tactic to ‘cook-the-books.’ Hypocrisy alert!
10. **Trojan horse for the radical Pelosi/Biden agenda:** Speaker Pelosi [promised](#): “I won’t put it on the floor until we have ... the rest of the initiative.” No one should support something that will serve as a trojan horse for the Democrats’ reconciliation package, which the White House wants to [use to pass massive amnesty](#).

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