



Finally, a consensus to mend infrastructure...now what?

At last, we seem to have national agreement on the need to invest heavily in infrastructure, as part of a stimulus strategy to get the nation back on a path to prosperity.

But what form will this investment take? Will it be careful, targeted, thoughtful? Or will it be a pell-mell rush to get “shovels in the ground by spring?”

If we select projects for investment based on which ones can get started soonest, we're at risk of wasting a lot of time and money, as well as squandering the momentum we now have on our side.

I've written about this topic in an initial posting on a new “HQ Blog” on CMAA's website. You can read the article and comment on it by visiting our website at cmaanet.org. If you agree with me, I urge you to use this piece where you think it will be helpful. Send it to your local congressperson, or to city and state officials. Try to place it as an op-ed column in your city newspaper. Publish it in your own company newsletter. Or simply forward the web link to anyone you think will have a say in spending new infrastructure funds in your region.

We have a rare opportunity before us. It's important to approach it in the right way.

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