



May 3, 2019

PRESIDENT AND CONGRESSIONAL DEMOCRATS AGREE TO \$2 TRILLION TARGET FOR INFRASTRUCTURE PACKAGE

After a high-profile meeting at the White House this week, President Trump and the congressional Democrats he met with agreed to a top-line \$2 trillion target infrastructure package. While there is no “pay for” or program details, an agreed upon target is viewed by many as progress. Speaker Pelosi says the ball is now in the President’s court to come up with a funding mechanism. "A good start" was a common refrain on the Hill, including from Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chairman DeFazio. Others in the Senate majority remain skeptical.

Key Advocates reports that this pessimism comes from those who believe that an infrastructure measure is not going to happen because it’s too complicated, a funding source is too challenging and could be politically controversial, and Democrats don’t want to give the President a “win”. Other sources have indicated that the effort is “full speed ahead”. In the House, a mega infrastructure bill is still Speaker Pelosi’s #2 priority – ethics and campaign finance being #1 (the House has already passed a bill on that). As a further indication of that, the Speaker has reserved the designation of H.R. 2 for the infrastructure legislation. Bill designations of 10 or less have traditionally indicated issues of greater importance. Also, the Speaker’s staff has had numerous conversations with the staff of Ways and Means Committee Chairman Neal and Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chairman DeFazio regarding the substance and timing of a bill. DeFazio has said that he believes that a bill can be ready early to late summer. As previously reported, DeFazio has introduced H.R.1497 (discussed further in this report) with bipartisan support, a Clean Water SRF and Alternative Water Source Project bill which, they believe, will be one of the three cornerstones of his mega infrastructure bill – the other two being highways and aviation.

CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS PRESS INFRASTRUCTURE AGENDA - SUPPORT FOR H.R. 1497 GROWS

Chairman DeFazio embarked on a very aggressive series of infrastructure hearings – four having been held in the past two weeks. In the Senate, the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee has solicited from Members of the Committee what they want in an infrastructure bill. Those “asks” are due by May 1.

cleanwaterconstructioncoalition.org | P.O. Box 728 | Allenwood, NJ 08720 | Office: (732) 292-4300 | Fax: (732) 292-4310

Robert Briant, Jr. – Chairman

AGC of America • AGC of Texas • Alabama Utility Contractors Association • Arizona Utility Contractors Association • Associated Pennsylvania Constructors • Associated Utility Contractors Of Maryland* • Connecticut Construction Industries Association • CIC of Westchester County & Hudson Valley* • Engineering Contractors Association • General Contractors Association Of New York • Georgia Utility Contractors Association • Indiana Constructors Inc. • Long Island Contractors Association • Maryland Transportation Builders & Materials Association • Michigan Infrastructure & Transportation Association • Minnesota Utility Contractors Association* • National Rural Water Association • New Mexico Utility Contractors Association • NYSLECET • Ohio Contractors Association • Public Works Contractors Association of Maryland • Tennessee RoadBuilders Association • Underground Contractors Association of Illinois* • United Contractors* • UCA of Anne Arundel County • Utility Contractors Association of New England* • Utility & Transportation Contractors Association of New Jersey* • Contractors Association of West Virginia • Wisconsin Underground Contractors Association

* Steering Committee Member



Several hearings were held in the House on infrastructure since the last report. The Energy and Commerce Committee held a hearing on April 10 on energy infrastructure. The Transportation and Infrastructure Committee held hearings on airport (March 26), roadway (April 9) and waterway infrastructure (April 10). More details are included in the attached report from Key Advocates.

As has been previously discussed and reported, the Coalition sent a letter of support for H.R.1497, the “Water Quality Protection and Job Creation Act of 2019.” This bill, introduced by Chair DeFazio, Subcommittee Chair Napolitano, and Representatives Don Young and John Katko, now has **18 cosponsors**. As a reminder, the bill:

- Authorizes \$20 billion in Federal grants over five years for Clean Water SRFs.
- Authorizes \$1.5 billion over five years for grants to implement state water pollution control programs.
- Provides \$600 million over five years for Clean Water pilot programs (including Federal technical assistance and/or grants) for watershed-based or system-wide efforts to address wet weather discharges, to promote storm water best management practices, to undertake integrated water resource management, and to increase the resiliency of treatment works to natural or man-made disasters.
- Authorizes \$375 million in grants over five years for alternative water source projects including projects that reuse wastewater and storm water to augment the existing sources of water.

“EMERGING LEADERS PROGRAM” ESTABLISHED BY THE UNDERGROUND CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OF ILLINOIS

At the recent Washington, DC CWCC Fly-In, Mike Wiedmaier, Executive Director of the Underground Contractors Association (UCA) of Illinois reported that 2018-2019 was the inaugural year for their new “Emerging Leaders Program.” Mike was joined by several UCA of Illinois members that participated in the program and together they provided a great update of their efforts. What follows are details about this exciting program put together by Mike with an offer for any Coalition member to reach out to him with any questions.

cleanwaterconstructioncoalition.org | P.O. Box 728 | Allenwood, NJ 08720 | Office: (732) 292-4300 | Fax: (732) 292-4310

Robert Briant, Jr. – Chairman

AGC of America • AGC of Texas • Alabama Utility Contractors Association • Arizona Utility Contractors Association • Associated Pennsylvania Constructors • Associated Utility Contractors Of Maryland* • Connecticut Construction Industries Association • CIC of Westchester County & Hudson Valley* • Engineering Contractors Association • General Contractors Association Of New York • Georgia Utility Contractors Association • Indiana Constructors Inc. • Long Island Contractors Association • Maryland Transportation Builders & Materials Association • Michigan Infrastructure & Transportation Association • Minnesota Utility Contractors Association* • National Rural Water Association • New Mexico Utility Contractors Association • NYSLECET • Ohio Contractors Association • Public Works Contractors Association of Maryland • Tennessee RoadBuilders Association • Underground Contractors Association of Illinois* • United Contractors* • UCA of Anne Arundel County • Utility Contractors Association of New England* • Utility & Transportation Contractors Association of New Jersey* • Contractors Association of West Virginia • Wisconsin Underground Contractors Association

* Steering Committee Member



UCA of Illinois Emerging Leader Program:

Goals:

- **NETWORKING:** The primary goal of this program is to connect young people from the various companies involved in UCA. We can teach them only so much in a handful of sessions over the course of a few months. By getting to know each other, they will have resources to continue to learn and connect with the industry for years to come.
- **EXPOSURE:** People get stuck in their own silos. From contractors to suppliers to insurance to banking to materials testing to organized labor, it's easy to lose sight of the big picture. This program should open the participants' eyes to everything which makes our industry and association what it is today.
- **FUTURE OF UCA:** Like any organization, UCA needs leaders for the future. By exposing them to everything UCA does, we hope they're more prepared to step up and help out the association down the road.

Format:

- **FREQUENCY:** Once a month, August through March w/ lobbying trip & graduation in April. It's frequent enough for participants to stay engaged, but infrequent enough to not be a burden.
- **TIMING:** ½ a day. 11:00am – 4pm (with networking happy hour from 4-5). Lunch is provided. That way participants can get things set for the day before they dive into the program for the afternoon.

Sessions include training presentations, student presentations, site visits, networking opportunities & a lobbying trip to Springfield / DC.

Major Session Topics:

- Engineering/General Contractors/Subcontractors/Material Suppliers
- Insurance/Bonding / Safety/Risk Management
- Banking
- Advocacy/Legislative (lobbying organizations; ICIC, TFIC, CWCC)
- Legal
- Organized Labor (LMCC's), Union Funds, Craft committees, IEPI
- Partner organization familiarization (CSC, MARBA, CISCO)
- Leadership Development
- Accounting (Project Accounting, P&L Statements, Quote to Cash Overview)
- Internet & Cyber Security

cleanwaterconstructioncoalition.org | P.O. Box 728 | Allenwood, NJ 08720 | Office: (732) 292-4300 | Fax: (732) 292-4310

Robert Briant, Jr. – Chairman

AGC of America • AGC of Texas • Alabama Utility Contractors Association • Arizona Utility Contractors Association • Associated Pennsylvania Constructors • Associated Utility Contractors Of Maryland* • Connecticut Construction Industries Association • CIC of Westchester County & Hudson Valley* • Engineering Contractors Association • General Contractors Association Of New York • Georgia Utility Contractors Association • Indiana Constructors Inc. • Long Island Contractors Association • Maryland Transportation Builders & Materials Association • Michigan Infrastructure & Transportation Association • Minnesota Utility Contractors Association* • National Rural Water Association • New Mexico Utility Contractors Association • NYSLECET • Ohio Contractors Association • Public Works Contractors Association of Maryland • Tennessee RoadBuilders Association • Underground Contractors Association of Illinois* • United Contractors* • UCA of Anne Arundel County • Utility Contractors Association of New England* • Utility & Transportation Contractors Association of New Jersey* • Contractors Association of West Virginia • Wisconsin Underground Contractors Association

* Steering Committee Member



Class size was limited to 20 registrants and sold out in a few weeks. The class was introduced at their Annual Business Meeting in September. At UCA's Annual Convention in January, there was a short educational session on the program. In April at their Annual Tradeshow there was a one-hour overview of the program presented by the Co-Chairman with testimonials provided by participants. At the end of the evening an official graduation was held with plaques presented to the class. Doing this provided recognition to the participants and exposure of the program to general membership.

All of the session presenters are from UCA member firms or affiliated organizations. This allows even more interaction within the association and benefits the class and presenters. The Coalition congratulates UCA of Illinois for this program and thanks Mike for his generous offer of time for consultation. He can be reached via email at: michael@UCA.org

KEY ADVOCATES REPORT

Included with this notice is Key Advocates recent report which is current to the end of April 20