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## **Fiscal Year 2018 Budget Addresses Infrastructure Initiatives.**

President Trump's Fiscal Year 2018 Budget was released on Tuesday and the administration's Infrastructure Initiative Fact Sheet was released on Wednesday. The plans call for \$200 billion in outlays, over the next ten years, for infrastructure investment. The \$200 billion is to be leveraged, alongside non-Federal funding, to pay for \$1 trillion in total infrastructure spending. The proposal also calls for corporatization of the air traffic control system, reform of the Inland Waterways Trust Fund, and a reduction in Federal grants to Amtrak. The transportation plan specifies an expansion of the Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) program, as well as lifting the cap on Private Activity Bonds for highways and liberalizing the use of tolling on Interstates. The budget calls for an elimination of the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Grant Program, and reduced the Department of Transportation's total budget by 13% from its 2017 level. The administration also called for the regulatory and permitting review to speed the construction of infrastructure projects. At a hearing of the Senate Finance Committee on May 25, on the 2018 budget and tax reform, Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin said in response to questioning, "Our preference is strongly to keep the interest deductibility of state and local bonds."

[U.S. Administration's Fiscal Year 2018 Budget](#)

[Infrastructure Initiative Fact Sheet](#)