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President Trump's February 12, 2018, Infrastructure Plan highlighted the need for investment in the nation's water infrastructure. The Plan included general provisions that could support water infrastructure, and specific provisions intended to increase federal, state, local and private resources for water infrastructure. Implementation of the Plan will depend on whether Congress acts on proposed legislative reforms, which will be challenging in an election year. Nevertheless, there are opportunities and resources available now to assist in developing water infrastructure projects, including streamlined permitting under Title 41 of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST-41), expanded credit assistance programs and state programs.

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