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America Has an Infrastructure Bill. What Happens Next?

Friday afternoons are typically the place to hide bad news, but that wasn't this.

Late Friday, November 5th, the House of Representatives passed the Senate version of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). The bill now goes directly to President Biden's desk, where it will certainly become law. America finally has a generation-defining infrastructure bill—and if the reconciliation budget comes through, too, America will begin a building spree larger than what happened during the New Deal.

When landmark legislation like IIJA gets passed, it's easy to overemphasize victories on Capitol Hill. But that's not the case for infrastructure. Passing IIJA is only the end of the beginning.

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