



EXECUTIVE ORDER

No. 13996

Of 10th September, 2021

WHEREAS the infrastructure of the United States of America is in a state of relative disrepair; and,

WHEREAS American infrastructure is stretched thin and used heavily, leading to damage and detriment; and,

WHEREAS delays in renovation and maintenance of infrastructure systems built decades ago have led to rising and restrictive maintenance costs ; and,

WHEREAS it has been estimated that delays due to traffic congestion have cost the American economy [more than \\$120 billion per year](#); and,

WHEREAS avoided trips and flight delays, the latter of which constitutes [20% of all flights in America](#), due to damaged, dilapidated, and incapable airports have cost the economy [more than \\$35 billion per year](#); and,

WHEREAS nearly 25% of American bridges have been found by the U.S. Government Accountability Office to be deficient in some way, with 14% being found functionally *obsolete* ; and,

WHEREAS [studies have found](#) that spending on infrastructure reaps large dividends in Gross Domestic Product growth and offers a cushion to economic downturn in times of recession; and,

WHEREAS the United States [ranks 13th globally in infrastructure quality](#); and

WHEREAS improving infrastructure improves America's competitiveness with economic rivals and geopolitical adversaries such as the People's Republic of China; and,

WHEREAS it must be a priority for the Government of the United States of America to identify and pursue practical, responsible, and efficient means to develop, repair, and upgrade our infrastructure:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Adith Manikandan Uttara Suryaganesh, President of the United States, under and by the virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution, statutes, and treaties of the United States of America, and as Commander-In-Chief of the armed forces, do hereby order as follows:

SECTION I: ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY AND PURPOSE

- (1) The purpose of this Executive Order is to establish a commission to investigate and identify measures that may be taken by Congress and the Executive branch to improve the infrastructure facilities in the United States.
- (2) It is the view of the Adith Administration that critical, targeted interventions in our infrastructure
- (3) This commission shall be temporary and shall present solutions to my office and to Congressional leadership.

SECTION II: ESTABLISHMENT

- (1) There is established the Presidential Commission on Infrastructure and Development (Henceforth to be known as the Commission).

SECTION III: MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMISSION

- (1) The Commission shall be composed of the Vice President of the United States, the Secretary of the Interior, and other individuals appointed by the President.
 - (a) The Commission shall be chaired by the Vice President.
 - (b) Individuals shall be appointed by the President via proclamation.
 - (c) Should a Secretary of the Interior not be confirmed by the Senate, the individual nominated by the President for the office shall serve in place of the office of the Secretary of the Interior.

SECTION IV: FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMISSION

- (1) The Commission shall produce a report for the President upon the following:
 - (a) A summary on the state of infrastructure in the United States, including specifics regarding types of damage and necessary maintenance;

- (b) A list of recommendations regarding steps that may be taken by Congress to improve infrastructure in the United States, including but not limited to federal appropriations and grants for states;
- (c) A list of infrastructure developments, agencies, projects, and organizations that may be privatized to reduce the taxation burden on the American public.

SECTION V: ADMINISTRATION

- (1) Expenses incurred by the Commission shall be borne by the Office of Administration within the Executive Office of the President.
- (2) Individuals serving on the Commission shall not receive compensation for their work but may be compensated for travel, refreshments, and research expenditure.
 - (a) Individuals serving on the Cabinet or in Congress shall not receive this compensation.

SECTION VI: EFFECTIVE DATES

- (1) This Executive Order shall come into effect immediately upon its publication.
- (2) The commission shall cease to exist 7 days after the report outlined in Section IV is submitted to the President of the United States and made available to the public.
- (3) No part of this order shall be construed as opposing or inconsistent with existing federal statutes.
- (4) This order shall not be construed as creating any benefit or right enforceable at law by any party against the United States, its departments, entities, agents, officers, or other employees.



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47th President of the United States of America