



A NATIONAL PLAN TO REINVEST IN AMERICA

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U.S. Commission on Infrastructure Investment

Section – by – Section Summary

- Section 1 **Short title.** Provides that the act may be cited as the “United States Commission on Infrastructure Investment Act.”
- Section 2 **Findings.** A brief section highlighting the important legacy of planning and infrastructure investment that has built the United States. Findings include Congressional notice of Secretary Gallatin’s work in planning the infrastructure needed for the 19th century, of President Theodore Roosevelt’s work in planning the infrastructure investments needed for the 20th century, and of the economic, demographic, and environmental challenges faced by the United States today. The findings also note that development of a new national vision will address these challenges.
- Section 3 **Establishment.** Provides for the establishment of the Commission.
- Section 4 **Membership.** Sets forth the appointment of the members to the Commission. Of the 14 members, five will be appointed by the House, five will be appointed by the Senate, and four will be appointed by the national representatives of local government officials. For the second phase of the Commission’s work, the Administration will appoint four further members. This section also sets forth qualifications, quorum rules, initial meeting times, and the like.
- Section 5 **Duties.** Instructs the Commissioners on their duties to the Commission, which include a) a review and synthesis of existing reports and materials with the results reported to Congress; b) a thorough set of public hearings on infrastructure conducted in not fewer than 50 Congressional districts across the United States; c) drawing from these hearings, the articulation of a national vision for infrastructure investments including specific recommendations; and d) a set of model principles that will inform future infrastructure investments made by Congress.
- Section 6 **Powers.** Sets forth the powers of the Commission to hold hearings, take and receive evidence, obtain official data, enter into contracts, and generally, carry out the duties it has been assigned.
- Section 7 **Staff.** Provides that the Commission will have sufficient staff to carry out its duties.
- Section 8 **Appropriations.** Authorizes an appropriation to carry out its work.
- Section 9 **Termination.** Allows the Commission to cease, following delivery of the products called for in its duties.

