



# FAILURE TO ACT



Economic Impacts of Status Quo Investment Across Infrastructure Systems

**OVER THE NEXT 20 YEARS, AMERICA'S OVERDUE INFRASTRUCTURE BILL WILL COST THE AVERAGE AMERICAN HOUSEHOLD**

**\$3,300 A YEAR**



When we fail to invest in our infrastructure, we pay the price. Poor roads and airports mean travel times increase. An aging electric grid and inadequate water distribution make utilities unreliable. Problems like these translate into higher costs for businesses to manufacture and distribute goods and provide services. These higher costs, in turn, get passed along to workers and families.

The average AMERICAN HOUSEHOLD LOSES \$63 A WEEK due to CHRONIC UNDERINVESTMENT in infrastructure. What could you buy with \$63 a week, or \$275 a month?



TAKEOUT DINNER FOR A FAMILY OF FOUR EACH WEEK.

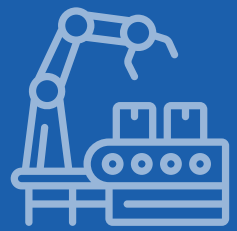


STARTING A COLLEGE FUND.



DOING A HOME RENOVATION PROJECT.

Inefficient, unreliable infrastructure is a drag on the U.S. economy and will hurt the GDP and create job losses.



**47%**

of the projected jobs lost in 2039 will be in high wage and high production jobs like manufacturing and healthcare.

**We are already paying the price, but IF WE FAIL TO ACT NOW, OUR COSTS WILL MOUNT EXPONENTIALLY.**

Of the total economic impacts projected in our 20-year study, more than three-quarters occur during the second decade (2030-2039).

If we don't act, by 2039 we are forecasted to lose:

**\$10.3 TRILLION**  
in GDP from 2020-2039, nearly half of the annual U.S. GDP in 2019.

**\$2.4 TRILLION**  
in exports from 2020-2039, or more than all of the Fortune 500 companies generated in profits in 2019.

**3 MILLION**  
jobs, two times the number of Walmart employees in the U.S.

The good news is we can ACT NOW to mitigate the harm to our GDP, trade volumes, and declines in personal income. Let's reverse the decade of underinvestment in our infrastructure and help all communities thrive.



This study was conducted in 2020. The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act became law in November 2021, reversing federal underinvestment trends. The full impacts of the law aren't yet known. However, it's already clear that while the \$1.2 trillion bipartisan infrastructure law is enormously helpful, it doesn't fully close our investment gap. This means American families and businesses are still paying the price for underperforming infrastructure.

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