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Conversation Continues on President Trump's Proposed \$1 Trillion Infrastructure Package

As previously reported, The President's proposal calls for an infrastructure package yielding \$1 trillion over 10 years. Work in the Administration is being led by National Economic Council Director Gary Cohn, the former President and CEO of Goldman Sachs. The Administration is still targeting August for congressional action on infrastructure, although it will most likely be fall at the earliest. Some direct federal spending will be included in its proposal, not just tax credits or federal bonds. The President has talked about using repatriated funds (he mentioned \$200B) and giving priority to shovel ready projects. No details are available.

In Congress, both parties in both houses have agreed that a large, national infrastructure package will be good for our country and our economy, but there is significant dissent on how to reach the President's \$1 trillion goal. House Speaker Ryan wants all of the public infrastructure money offset by private funds, at one point calling for \$40 of private investment per federal dollar.

Across the aisle, Democratic proposals have been introduced in both houses, all of which include payfors, (gas tax, harbor maintenance trust fund, and aviation passenger facility charges), and each of which is intended to start fleshing out details of a tangible plan. Similarly, Congressional committees have begun to hold hearings on infrastructure, with two hearings so far in the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, and one in Senate Commerce.

Below are Congressional efforts of particular interest to CWCC:

- Senators Schumer, Sanders, Nelson, Leahy, Wyden, Brown, Cantwell, and Carper (Democratic Leadership) have introduced a blueprint that is not specific, but does include \$110B for water funding for the SRF's

- AGC of America
- AGC of Texas
- Alabama Utility Contractors Association
- Associated Pennsylvania Constructors
- Associated Utility Contractors Of Maryland *
- Connecticut Construction Industries Association
- CIC of Westchester County & Hudson Valley *
- Engineering Contractors Association
- General Contractors Association Of New York
- Indiana Construction Association
- Long Island Contractors Association
- Maryland Transportation Builders & Materials Association
- Michigan Infrastructure & Transportation Association
- Minnesota Utility Contractors Association*
- National Rural Water Association
- Ohio Contractors Association
- Public Works Contractors Association of Maryland
- Southern California Contractors Association
- Tennessee Road Builders Association
- Underground Contractors Association of Illinois *
- United Contractors *
- UCA of Anne Arundel County
- Utility Contractors Association of New England *
- Utility & Transportation Contractors Association of New Jersey *
- Contractors Association Of West Virginia
- Wisconsin Underground Contractors Association

* Steering Committee Member

- Congressman DeFazio (D-OR), Ranking Member of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee has a proposal that would authorize: \$20 billion in Federal grants over five years to capitalize Clean Water SRF's; \$2.5 billion annually over five years for grants to address combined and sanitary sewer overflows and recapture and reuse of municipal storm water; and, \$375 million in grants over five years for alternative water source projects
- Congressman Earl Blumenauer (D-OR) and Congressman John Duncan (R-TN) introduced H.R. 1647, the Water Infrastructure Trust Fund Act of 2017, which establishes a Water Infrastructure Investment Trust Fund. The proposal suggests levying a 3-cent fee on every bottle and can - projected to yield about \$7.98 billion – which would be equally divided between the Clean Water and Safe Drinking water SRF's
- We continue working with Congressman McNerney on his omnibus water bill. A final draft that includes our input is in the works, and funds the Clean Water SRF at \$100M increments over the \$1.3B figure. Introduction could be as early as late April

FY 17 Appropriations

It's unlikely that individual FY17 appropriation bills will pass this year. There are also challenges for doing an omnibus bill. Congress will likely extend the current Continuing Resolution to the end of FY17. There is talk, however, about the possibility of a FY17 Supplemental Appropriations. No details are available. Prior to recessing, the Congress passed a Continuing Resolution funding the government until April 28, 2017, at FY16 levels. To review, the House FY17 Interior Appropriations Bill provides \$1B for the Clean Water SRF, \$1.07B for the Safe Drinking Water SRF and \$40M for WIFIA. The Senate bill provides \$1.35B for the Clean Water SRF, \$1.02B for the Safe Drinking Water SRF and \$30M for WIFIA.

KEY ADVOCATES REPORT FOR APRIL 2017

Attached with this notice is KEY Advocates April 2017 report.