

Chamber's Donohue: It's Time to Move Forward on Infrastructure



On Monday, as part of the United for Infrastructure event this week, Chamber CEO Tom Donohue discussed the need to rebuild America's infrastructure with Jim Callahan, General President of the International Union of Operating Engineers.

"It's time to move forward," said Donohue. "A 25-cent increase in the fuel tax... could do the trick to fix roads, bridges, and transit for a long time."

Why it matters: 19.4% of our major highways are in poor or mediocre condition and need repaving or more substantive repairs, 7.6% of the nation's bridges are structurally deficient, and public transit systems have a \$99 billion backlog of state of good repair.

Don't forget broadband: Too many children who have been trying to learn virtually "don't have broadband," Donohue noted. "That's a fundamental issue of inequality, and that's something that a good infrastructure bill could do to help America."

Looking ahead: Congress must extend federal funding for surface transportation by the end of the month to keep projects going.

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