

# Improving Infrastructure During a Pandemic: A View from Louisiana

U.S. Chamber President Suzanne Clark on Wednesday moderated a chat with Louisiana Governor John Bel Edwards during a Milken Institute and [United for Infrastructure](#)'s webinar.

"Infrastructure has long been a key priority for the U.S. Chamber..., and resilience in infrastructure couldn't be more timely in response to COVID-19," Clark said.

Clark asked the governor how the pandemic has shifted infrastructure priorities in Louisiana, the importance of expanding broadband access, and regulatory roadblocks that impede progress.

Edwards stressed the need to do what we can to support the economy through infrastructure investment now, which also helps keep people employed. Edwards said resilient infrastructure remains a priority during recovery, and Louisiana has several innovative initiatives happening related to expanding broadband access and making improvements along the coast and Mississippi River.

"I think [infrastructure] could be the bridge between temporary assistance," Edwards said. He noted that most economic relief happening now is temporary, but "if we take some part of the overall effort and devote it to infrastructure," the short, medium, and long-term economy can flourish.