

# Building Transportation Infrastructure Faster, Better, and More Affordably



America is a big country — and we depend on efficient ways to transport goods and people from one place to another for economic growth, productivity, and overall quality of life. But the United States is consistently challenged to deliver projects on time and on budget. Construction costs for highways have [more than tripled](#) since the 1960s.

Urban transit projects cost [as much as six times](#) what comparable projects cost in other developed nations. By tackling these inefficiencies, America can ensure that taxpayer dollars go further; projects are completed more effectively; and our transportation systems deliver safer, more reliable mobility.

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## AV supports evidence-based policy solutions that build better American transportation infrastructure systems at all levels of government.

### Streamline Transportation Project Delivery

Federal and state permitting reforms and ensuring sufficient state capacity to plan and manage project implementation can help deliver projects on time and on budget.

### Improve How We Select Projects

Federal and state investments should be determined through a process that is transparent, accountable, and delivers exceptional value for American taxpayers.

### Prioritize Projects that will Deliver Results

Transportation investments should be focused on projects that improve access to jobs, or other activities that power local economies. That requires making land use and zoning for housing and businesses part of the transportation system planning process.

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