Reactions to President Trump’s State of the Union address comments about infrastructure:

"We write the plan, not the president. We have to raise the money."
*Rep. Don Young (R-Alaska), a former House Transportation & Infrastructure (T&I) Committee chairman*

“A nothing burger...President Trump cannot pretend to solve our infrastructure woes by slashing real investments to states and local governments, pushing the responsibility off federal balance sheets, cutting existing transportation programs to pay for Wall Street and foreign investors to toll our roads, and gutting bedrock environmental protections.”
*House T&I Committee Ranking Member Peter DeFazio (D-Ore.)*

“We’ve got to be very mindful, though, of balancing the need for infrastructure against the need not to incur more debt.”
*Sen. John Kennedy (R-La.)*

"The same promise he made to the American people in his speech last year – but tomorrow we will still be waiting for his long overdue plan to do so."
*Senate Environment & Public Works Committee Ranking Member Tom Carper (D-Del.)*

“It’s easy to get lost in the details, but there’s a very simple way to understand what’s really going on here. Ever since Trump took office, he has ignored the working-class voters who helped put him there and outsourced policy decisions to a Republican Party whose goal is to shrink government and return the proceeds to their wealthy donors. Though Trump’s sales job tonight tried to obfuscate this reality, his infrastructure plan perfectly fits this mode.”
*Jared Bernstein, a former chief economist to Vice President Joe Biden, in a Jan. 31 “Washington Post” op-ed.*

“To his credit, Mr. Trump asked Republicans and Democrats to strike a deal to invest $1.5 trillion in national infrastructure, but offered few details.”