



**Infrastructure Week 2016
to be held nationwide May 16-23, 2016**

Washington, D.C. - November 20, 2015 - Today, the nation's largest organizations representing American business, labor, and policy announced the fourth annual **Infrastructure Week, to be held the week of May 16-23rd, 2016**. Infrastructure Week is a non-partisan, coordinated week of events and programming across the country designed to elevate Americans' understanding of the role infrastructure-from passenger and freight transportation to water, electricity and broadband networks-plays in their lives.

Infrastructure Week 2015, held from May 11-15, was a huge success with more than 50 events convened by nearly 100 Affiliates from Maine to Alaska, drawing dozens of major metropolitan Mayors from around the country to Washington, D.C. to urge Congress to act on infrastructure needs. Advocacy efforts delivered the Week's message of *Investing in America's Economy* to more than 300 Congressional offices, and Americans across the country sent more than 11,000 letters to Congress demanding action. Online, the conversation about Infrastructure Week established 41 million social media impressions; and, major news outlets and programs including the *New York Times*, *Time*, *New York Daily News*, *NPR*, *Bloomberg*, *New Yorker*, and *60 Minutes* featured infrastructure stories that week.

In 2016, Infrastructure Week will continue to highlight the lack of investment in America's surface and aviation transportation, water and wastewater systems, and energy and broadband networks. Chronic underfunding has left the United States less globally competitive and weakened by potholes, corroded water mains and broken sewers, outdated transit systems and travel delays. Infrastructure Week 2016 will also tell the stories of successes from around the country and innovative solutions put forth by the public sector. Over the last several years, facing a widening investment gap and a lack of reliable federal support, some local and state leaders are finding innovative ways to develop their own infrastructure solutions.

Infrastructure Week 2016 is led by a steering committee consisting of the **AFL-CIO**, the **American Society of Civil Engineers**, **Building America's Future**, **Brookings Institution's Metropolitan Policy Program**, the **National Association of Manufacturers**, the **U.S. Chamber of Commerce**, and the **Value of Water Coalition**. In addition to these organizations, Infrastructure Week has drawn nearly 100 national and local affiliate organizations from diverse sectors of the economy and communities across the U.S. to create an unprecedented and united coalition. See a full summary of Infrastructure Week 2015 and a list of our affiliates [here](#).

Radhika Fox, CEO of the US Water Alliance which convenes the Value of Water Coalition said: "Our nation's water infrastructure is essential, at risk, and needs investment. We need to educate Americans all across the country on the critical importance of the infrastructure that brings water to and from their homes and businesses. The Value of Water Coalition is excited to join the steering committee for Infrastructure Week 2016, because now is the time to work together to invest in our water mains, sewer pipes, roads, bridges, and more. Strong and resilient infrastructure means a strong and resilient America."

Find out more about Infrastructure Week at <http://infrastructureweek.org/>, and follow on Twitter at [@RebuildRenew](#) and [#RebuildRenew](#). Follow the Value of Water Coalition at [@TheValueOfWater](#) and on [Facebook](#) and learn more about our Coalition at www.thevalueofwater.org.

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About the Value of Water Coalition

The Value of Water Coalition educates and inspires people about how water is essential, invaluable, and needs investment. The Coalition has come together to advance positive solutions to our nation's pressing water challenges. Members include: Alexandria Renew Enterprises, American Society of Civil Engineers, American Water, American Water Works Association, Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies, Atlanta Department of Watershed Management, Black and Veatch, Brown and Caldwell, Camden County Municipal Utilities Authority, CH2M, DC Water, Dow Chemical Company, Hampton Roads Sanitation District, Hazen and Sawyer, Kansas City Water Services, LA Sanitation, Metropolitan Sewer District of Greater Cincinnati, Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, MWH Global, National Association of Clean Water Agencies, National Association of Water Companies, Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District, Philadelphia Water Department, Plumbing Manufacturers International, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, United Water, U.S. Water Alliance, Veolia, Water Environment Federation, WateReuse, and Xylem.