

# Speaker Ryan: Statement on infrastructure and the president's budget request

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WASHINGTON—House Speaker Paul Ryan (R-WI) today issued the following statement regarding the release of the Trump administration's budget request for Fiscal Year 2019:

"This budget lays out a thoughtful, detailed, and responsible blueprint for achieving our shared agenda. It builds on last week's budget agreement by focusing on rebuilding our national defense and promoting a stronger economy. It seeks to further improve services for our veterans, and expand access to resources for fighting the opioid epidemic. And it reflects the historic tax reform law that is already improving the lives of American families.

"The president is right to make improving America's infrastructure a national priority, and last week's budget agreement included a \$20 billion down payment on this goal. Today's proposal recognizes the urgency of tackling the bureaucratic hurdles that needlessly delay infrastructure projects. Real action to streamline the permitting process will help jumpstart projects that are vital to our communities and our economy. Already in this Congress, the House has passed dozens of infrastructure reforms, and we look forward to working with the administration on this critical issue."