

U.S. Rep. Pocan: Statement on Trump's infrastructure plan

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WASHINGTON, DC - U.S. Representative Mark Pocan (WI-02) today released the following statement regarding the Trump Administration's infrastructure plan, of which only a fraction of funding will come from the federal government.

"Reading scripted remarks and tweeting out vague promises to invest our country will not build roads and bridges - it takes public dollars to do that. Americans deserve a serious public commitment to rebuilding our nation's infrastructure, but under the Trump Administration's plan, communities across Wisconsin won't get the resources we need. With a comparatively paltry investment from the federal government over ten years - less than one-tenth of 1% of GDP - and no dedicated funding for rural broadband, the Administration's plan falls far short in resources, leaving many communities behind.

"The reality is that President Trump's plan is nothing more than an attempt to sell off public resources to Wall Street, to members of Mar-a-Lago, and to foreign investors. We need a real, comprehensive public investment that goes beyond traditional infrastructure, and covers not just our roads and bridges, but our water systems, broadband, and clean, renewable energy, as the Progressive Caucus has put forward in our 21st Century New Deal for Jobs. We need a serious plan and funding commitment that prioritizes communities most in need and creates the millions of good-paying jobs, not more empty promises."