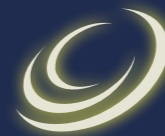


Strengthening our Infrastructure for a Sustainable Future

Blueprint for American Prosperity
Unleashing the Potential of a Metropolitan Nation



Metropolitan Policy Program
at BROOKINGS

**National Governors Association
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INVEST and REFORM



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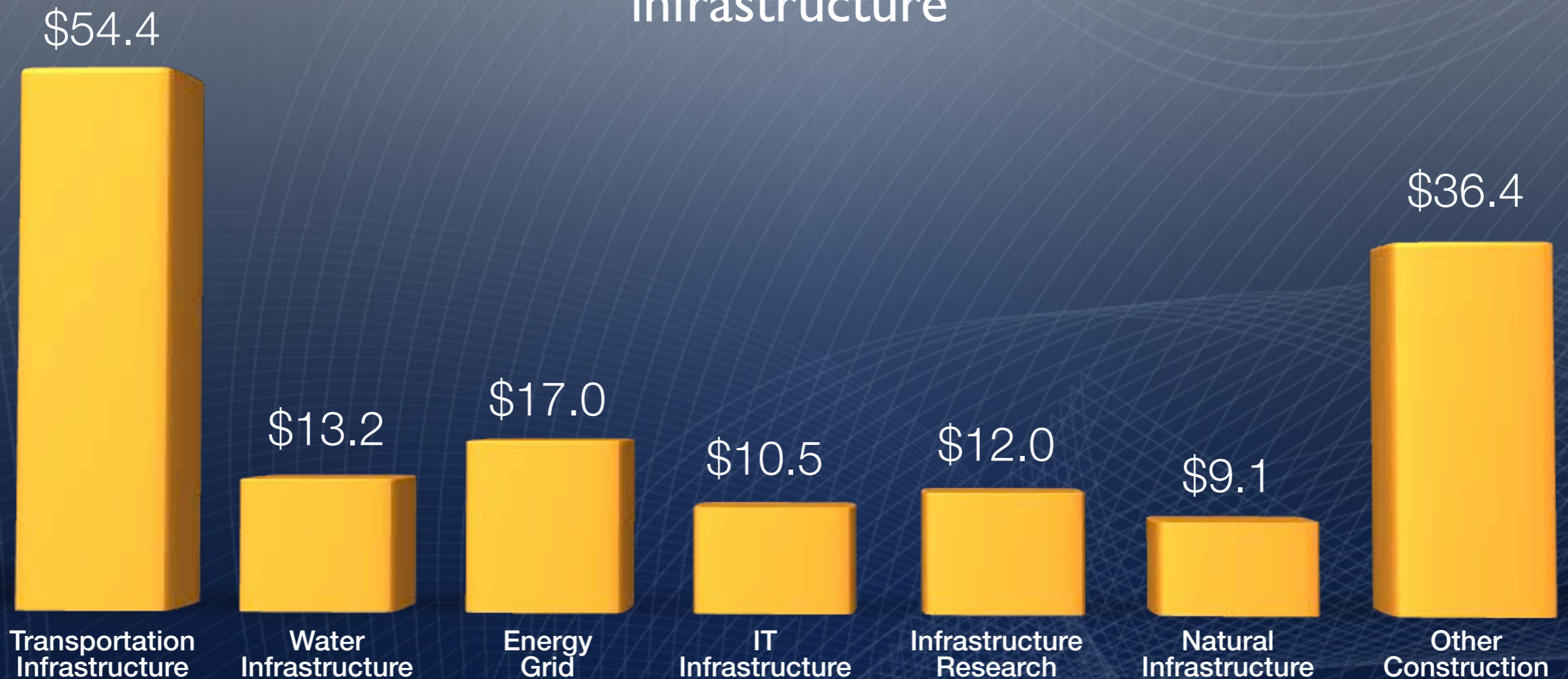
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Infrastructure matters to
American prosperity



Stimulus Legislation

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act directs **\$152** billion to both traditional and broadly defined infrastructure



Source: Preliminary Brookings Analysis
Numbers in billions



Directly Supports American Jobs

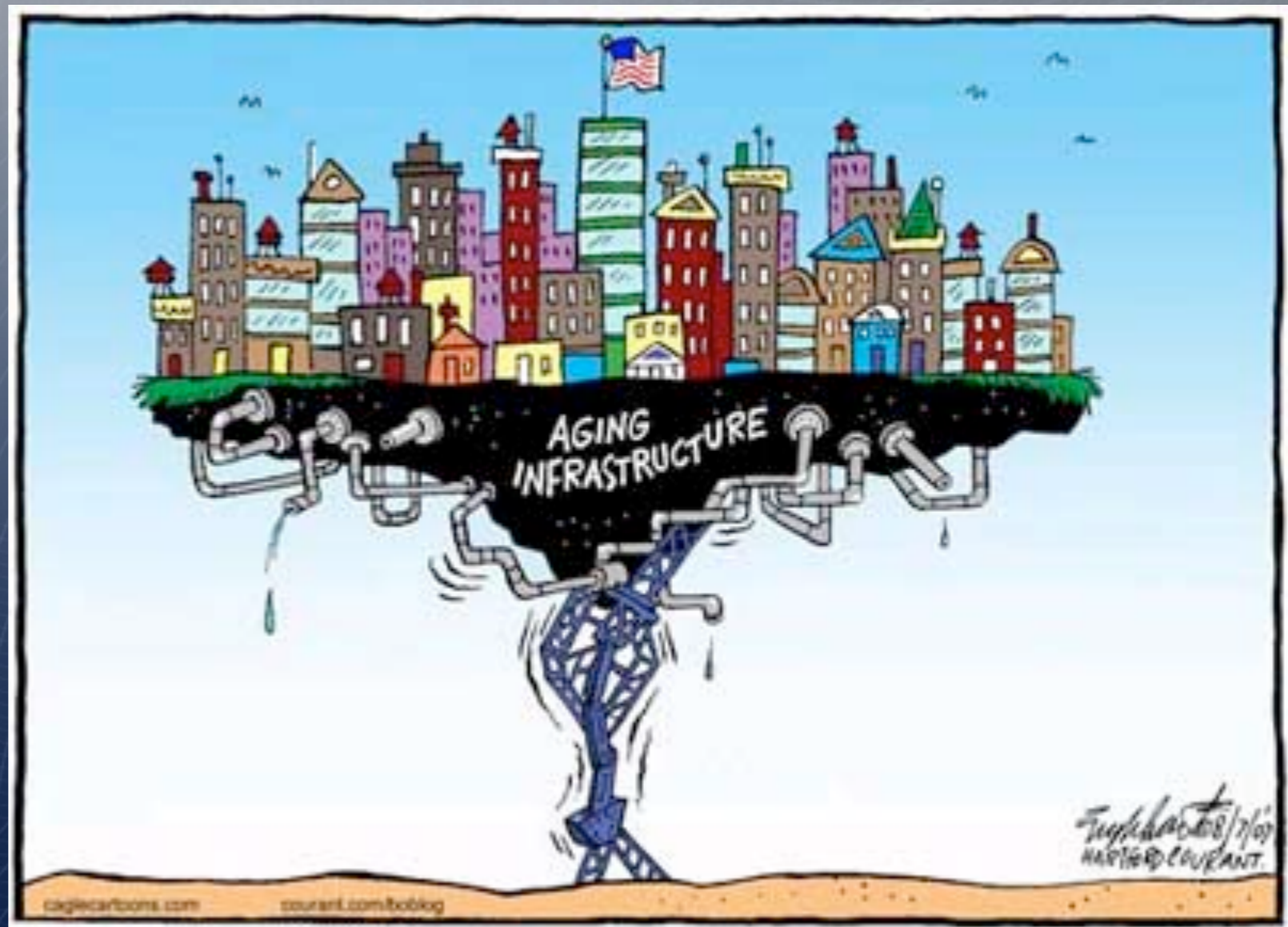
8.6% of Total U.S. Employment

Over 11.5 million
Americans are employed
in occupations related to
infrastructure provision



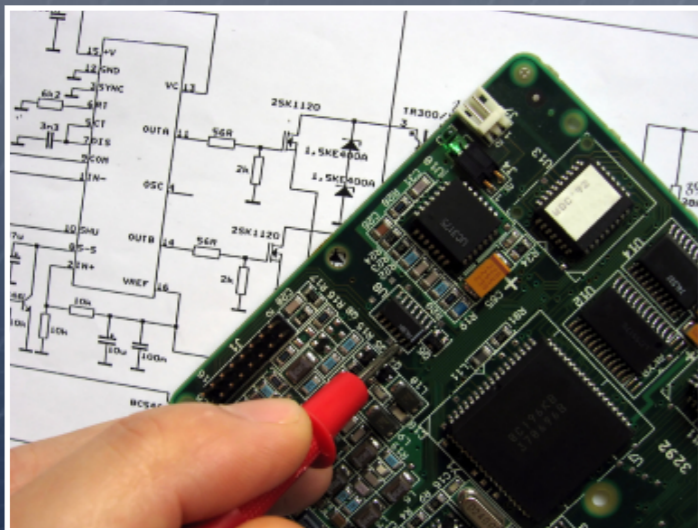
National Infrastructure Bank

An independent national infrastructure bank would establish the projects of substantial regional and national significance



Private Sector Infrastructure Opportunities

Creating New Markets



Unleashing Private Sector Investment



Using Market Mechanisms



Poor Infrastructure Assessment

America's
Infrastructure GPA

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Failing Systemic Design

Outmoded Air Traffic Control



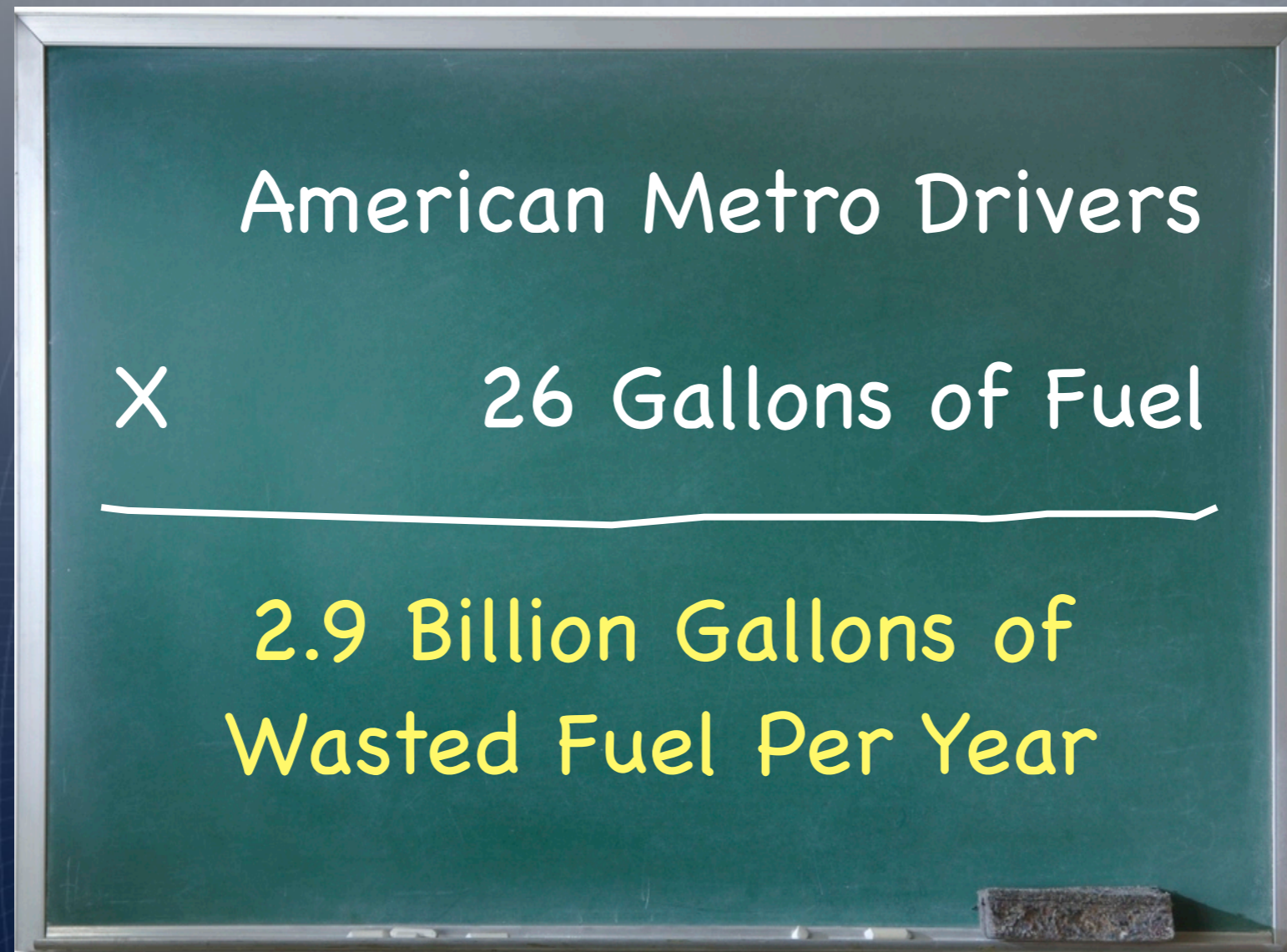
Dysfunctional Water and Sewer Systems



Declining Transit Service



Energy and Environment Implications



Household Spending

Transportation has become the second largest household expense

Housing



Transportation



Food



Healthcare



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Consumer Expenditures in 2005

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The federal government
has lost focus



The Federal Government is **absent**

The lack of an overall national strategy for infrastructure restricts the potential for broad-based impacts



The Federal Government is compartmentalized



The Federal Government is **underperforming**

The federal programs have almost no focus on outcomes, performance, or accountability



In sharp contrast Global Leadership

