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## **Brookings appoints former Trump infrastructure czar DJ Gribbin as a nonresident senior fellow**

*The former special assistant to President Trump will work with scholars in the Metropolitan Policy Program at Brookings on a bipartisan infrastructure policy agenda.*

Washington, D.C. – The Brookings Institution today announced the appointment of DJ Gribbin as nonresident senior fellow in its Metropolitan Policy Program. Gribbin served as the nation’s first Special Assistant to the President for Infrastructure under President Donald Trump. In this role, Gribbin led efforts to develop the Trump Administration’s infrastructure policy platform and championed permitting reform. Previously, Gribbin was general counsel for the U.S. Department of Transportation and chief counsel at the Federal Highway Administration.

As nonresident senior fellow at Brookings, Gribbin will work with Metropolitan Policy Program scholars to develop actionable infrastructure policy recommendations that amplify state and local innovations to inform federal infrastructure approaches.

“During my service in the White House, I appreciated the thoughtfulness Brookings brought to the infrastructure conversation,” said Gribbin. “I’m thrilled to team with the Metropolitan Policy Program to resolve one of the few truly bipartisan issues challenging our nation. Infrastructure affects every American every day, and we can wait no longer to resolve this critical issue.”

“With the federal government considering a new infrastructure package at a time when states and localities are leading the way, I cannot think of a better partner to develop new, scalable policy ideas,” said Adie Tomer, Brookings lead infrastructure scholar. “DJ embodies Brookings’s core values, demonstrates a willingness to think creatively, and brings real depth to the issues.”

Amy Liu, Brookings vice president and director of the Metropolitan Policy Program, further noted, “We are thrilled to formalize this collaboration with DJ, whose long track record of bipartisanship, financial acumen, and successful partnerships with local governments will elevate our expertise and create new opportunities for impact.”

Gribbin holds a B.A. and J.D. from Georgetown University and is a member of the Virginia Bar. [His full bio can be read on Brookings.edu.](#)

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