



Forum Invitation: Rethinking Infrastructure Approvals

Common Good, the Bipartisan Policy Center, the National Association of Manufacturers, and Covington & Burling LLP invite you to attend a morning forum on accelerating infrastructure approvals on Tuesday, May 12 in Washington, DC.

The forum, which is part of Infrastructure Week 2015, will include keynote addresses by key members of the Administration and Congress (invitations in process), a presentation on best practices from other countries, plus two panels of experts discussing how to achieve these goals:

1. Better environmental reviews, accomplished in months or a few years, not a decade.
2. How to consolidate permits.

The forum's goal is to explore bold proposals for simplifying, accelerating, and improving the infrastructure approval process. Red tape must be cut if America wants to reap all the benefits of new infrastructure projects—enhanced competitiveness, millions of jobs, and a greener environmental footprint.

Panelists include leaders of industry, labor, government, and environmental protection (list not final):

Robyn M. Boerstling, National Association of Manufacturers

Clarke Bruno, Anbaric Transmission

Shawn Denstedt Q.C., Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt (Canada)

E. Donald Elliott, Covington & Burling; formerly of EPA

Patrick J. Foye, The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey

Gary S. Guzy, Covington & Burling; formerly of CEQ and EPA

Philip K. Howard, Common Good

Kelly S. Huffman, Poseidon Water

Deron Lovaas, Natural Resources Defense Council

Nick A. Malyshev, OECD

Diana C. Mendes, AECOM

Joann Papageorgis, The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey

John D. Porcari, Parsons Brinckerhoff; formerly of the U.S. Department of Transportation

Nikki Rudnick, Bipartisan Policy Center

Mark R. Tercek, The Nature Conservancy

For more information, visit Common Good's and Infrastructure Week 2015's websites at www.commongood.org and www.infrastructureweek.org.

Event Details:

Title: Rethinking Infrastructure Approvals

When: Tuesday, May 12, 2015
9:00 AM to 12:30 PM, with lunch to follow
Registration and breakfast begin at 8:15 AM.

Where: Covington & Burling LLP
10th Floor
One CityCenter
850 Tenth Street, NW
Washington, DC 20001

To RSVP, please e-mail your name, position, affiliation, and contact information to Ruth Mary Giverin of Common Good at rmgiverin@commongood.org. Please feel free to forward this invitation, but **all attendees must register before the day of the event**. Please e-mail Ruth with any questions as well.