



How to Make Wiser Infrastructure Investments in the US

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America's public infrastructure has been decaying. From transportation to water systems, there is a very strong need for new investments to revamp it. The Federal government is yet to put together a reasonable infrastructure investment package. But even then, Federal investments alone are not

enough. Cooperation at all levels of governments as well as the private sector is required. This is where you come in as an investor. You have the opportunity to fund the modernization of US infrastructure and make a return. But sadly it's not as straightforward as it sounds.

The question for any investor looking to diversify into infrastructure is deceptively simple. How do you make wise moves that make the difference? And what's a wise investment anyway? Well, different investors have their own

opinions about this and rightly so. Nonetheless, a wise investment on infrastructure should bare three attributes. First, it must have the biggest social impact. Secondly, it must also efficiently maximize costs through efficiency in order for private entities to see a profit upside. And finally and perhaps obviously, it must have the backing of the State and other branches of Government.

But there are a number of emerging issues too. For example, the US infrastructure system is

◀ highly decentralized. Different states and even local county authorities have designed and proposed their own unique investments. There is an opportunity to enhance cost efficiency if resources can be pooled together. However, this will pose a number of political challenges. It is likely that local authorities for instance will demand autonomy. After all, elected officials can only be accountable to the people in their districts.

A lot has also changed in terms of technology. Despite this, there still seems to be a lot of overreliance on traditional construction materials such as steel. Don't get me wrong, there is nothing wrong with steel. But there is need to be open-minded with regards to new building materials that could save costs,

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reduce construction schedules, and eventually deliver quality state of the art infrastructure. Besides, a lot of progress has been made so far in material science. We are seeing innovations in construction materials that are not only budget friendly but also environmentally sustainable. These innovations can help supplement scarce construction resources.

The biggest advantage in the US now is that there is already bipartisan agreement that infrastructure investment is needed.

The Trump administration is also promising nearly \$1.5 trillion in new investments over the next decade. This kind of political will is a very good foundation especially for private funds that may wish to raise part of the money needed.

How To Get Involved With Infrastructure Investment

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