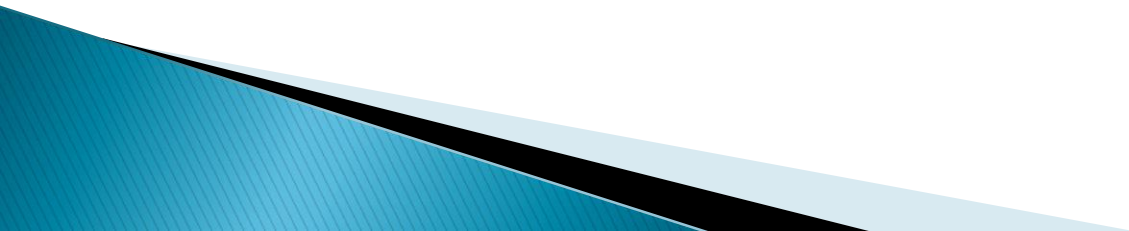


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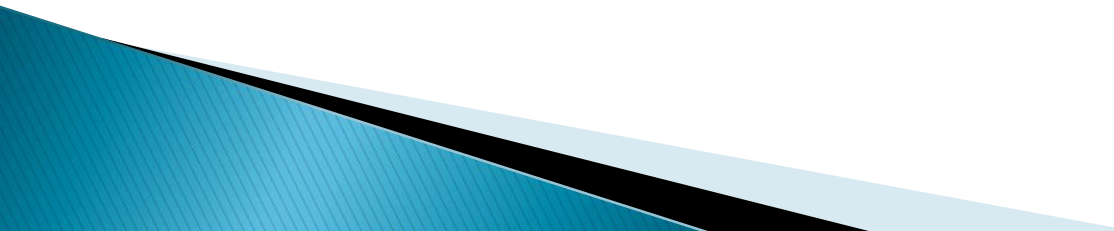
# **Federal Resources, Programs, Legislation & Possibilities\***




# Security, Infrastructure, Timing

- ▶ The resistance to federal financial involvement in “internal improvements,” such as roads, was based, in part, on constitutional concerns...and also on budgetary constraints and state/regional rivalries. “...Some feared a major commitment to road construction could overwhelm the budget.
- ▶ Sectional differences and state and regional rivalries also played a major role in the resistance to federal spending on roads because of concerns that federal road construction would benefit other states or regions more.
- ▶ Congressional Research Service Report, “Federal Aid to Highways Since 18<sup>th</sup> Century”, by John Williamson, January 2012

# Crisis and Opportunity

- ▶ When the crisis is big enough, people will be open to change and when there is a severe enough crisis most people will come to their senses.
  - ▶ From [Aqua Shock](#) by Susan Marks
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# Security, Infrastructure, Timing

- ▶ 1916– 1<sup>st</sup> Federal Highway Act
  - ▶ 1919– Army's First Transcontinental Motor Convoy
  - ▶ 1930s– FDR recognized need for Transcontinental Super Highway System
  - ▶ 1944– Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1944 Provided Designation of a National System of Interstate Highways by federal and state officials
  - ▶ WWII– Autobahn
  - ▶ 1956– Highway Trust Fund & Interstate System
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# Water, Infrastructure, Security

## Direct Grants, Capitalization Grants and Credit Subsidies – Loans and Loan Guarantees

### Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act, (WIFIA)

- ▶ Title V, WRRDA 2014 P.L. 113–121
- ▶ Start up funding in FY16

### Water Resources Reform Development Act of 2014

- ▶ Environmental Infrastructure (EI)
- ▶ Section 1014, Study and Construction of Water Resources Projects by Non-Federal Interests
- ▶ Title IV– River Basins and Coastal Areas
- ▶ Feasibility Proposals

### Comprehensive Energy Legislation

- ▶ Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee

## **Bureau of Reclamation**

- ▶ Title XVI \$20 million in FY16 WaterSMART Grants \$23.4 million in FY16
- ▶ Drought Response Program to be rolled out in FY15
- ▶ Water Reuse Research funding opportunity in FY16 (New)

## **Environmental Protection Agency**

- ▶ CWSRF and DWSRF \$2.3 billion (total) in FY16
- ▶ CWSRF \$1.116 billion
- ▶ DWSRF \$1.186 billion
- ▶ Water Infrastructure and Resilience Finance Center

## Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee

### Republicans

Sen. Murkowski (AK)

Sen. Barrasso (WY)

Sen. Risch (ID)

Sen. Lee (UT)

Sen. Flake (AZ)

Sen. Cassidy (LA)

Sen. Gardner (CO)

Sen. Daines (MT)

Sen. Portman (OH)

Sen. Hoeven (ND)

Sen. Alexander (TN)

Sen. Capito (WV)

### Democrats

Sen. Cantwell (AK)

Sen. Wyden (OR)

Sen. Sanders (VT)

Sen. Stabenow (MI)

Sen. Franken (MN)

Sen. Manchin (WV)

Sen. Heinrich (NM)

Sen. Hirono (HI)

Sen. Warren (MA)

Sen. King (ME)



▶ **Appropriations Committee**

Senator Alexander (R-TN)  
Senator Moore Capito (R-WV)  
Senator Cassidy (R-LA)  
Senator Daines (R-MT)  
Senator Hoeven (R-ND)  
Senator Murkowski (R-AK)

▶ **HELP Committee**

Senator Alexander (R-TN)  
Senator Moore Capito (R-WV)  
Senator Cassidy (R-LA)  
Senator Murkowski (R-AK)  
Senator Franken (D-MN)  
Senator Sanders (I-VT)  
Senator Warren (D-MA)

▶ **Agriculture Committee**

Senator Hoeven (R-ND)  
Senator Stabenow (D-MI)

▶ **Indian Affairs Committee**

Senator Barasso (R-WY)  
Senator Daines (R-MT)  
Senator Hoeven (R-ND)  
Senator Murkowski (R-AK)  
Senator Cantwell (D-WA)  
Senator Franken (D-MN)

# Possibilities

- ▶ Energy Legislation
- ▶ Energy Water Nexus
  - ▶ S.1971
  - ▶ WR(R)DA '16
- ▶ Annual Work Program
- ▶ Drought and Growth
  - ▶ Transition 2016
    - ▶ MSSC