

FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING
What to Expect in the 2017 Congressional Session

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 CITIZEN POLITICAL VOICES

THE TIME FOR ACTION **NLC** NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES

*“Take time to deliberate; but when the time for action arrives, stop thinking and **go in.**”*

- President Andrew Jackson

ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY GAP **NLC** NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES

THE WEALTH GAP

30% of S.C. residents live in economically-distressed areas

Top 1% has more wealth than bottom 95% combined

Top 10% earns 9x more than bottom 90%

Year	Top 10%	Bottom 50%
1989	~15	~10
1992	~15	~10
1995	~15	~10
1998	~20	~10
2001	~30	~10
2004	~45	~10
2007	~55	~10
2010	~50	~10
2013	~55	~10

MOBILITY & OPPORTUNITY **NLC** NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES

Economic Mobility and Opportunity Task Force

3-Pronged Strategy

- Engagement & peer learning
- Sharing best practices
- Education & training



2017: A CHANGING LANDSCAPE **NLC** NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES



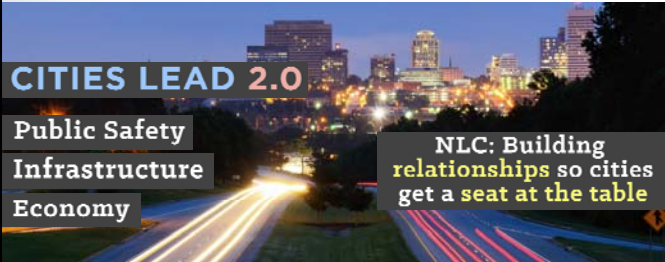
- 1** New Administration
- 7** New Senators
- 55** New Members of Congress
- 1**-Party Control

LOCAL PRIORITIES **NLC** NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES

CITIES LEAD 2.0

- Public Safety
- Infrastructure
- Economy

NLC: Building relationships so cities get a seat at the table

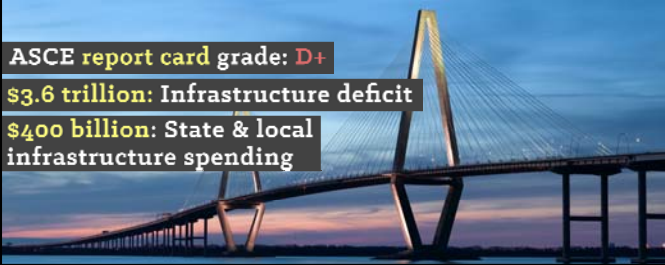


OUTLOOK: 2017 **NLC** NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES



Focus on the **economy**
 Large **infrastructure** spending plan
 Tax **reform**
 Use of **executive orders**

AMERICA'S INFRASTRUCTURE **NLC** NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES



ASCE report card grade: **D+**
\$3.6 trillion: Infrastructure deficit
\$400 billion: State & local infrastructure spending

SOUTH CAROLINA INFRASTRUCTURE **NLC** NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES



932: miles of interstate highways
40,482: miles of state roads
8,344: bridges
2: ports
6: commercial airports

\$70.5 billion needed to maintain S.C.'s transportation system, but only **\$27.6 billion** available

INFRASTRUCTURE PROPOSALS **NLC** NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES




Trump: **PPP (P3) model**
 Democrats: **\$1-trillion plan**
 NLC advocacy: **Local control, direct funding**

PROTECTING MUNICIPAL BONDS **NLC** NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES




MUNICIPAL BONDS FINANCE:
 78% of road miles
 500,000 bridges
 95% of water infrastructure
 1,000 mass transit systems
 16,000 airports

MUNI BONDS ARE CRITICAL **NLC** NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES



2/3 projects financed with muni bonds
 Cities save 30% on interest costs
 NLC: Protecting the tax exemption for muni bonds

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