



New England Council “Investing in Infrastructure” Mini-Series Event

OVERVIEW: As Congress considers comprehensive legislation to make billions of dollars in investments in our nation’s infrastructure and spur economic growth, The New England Council will host a series of virtual programs in the spring and early summer of 2021 called “Investing in Infrastructure.” The series of four panel discussions will explore the key infrastructure challenges facing the New England region, highlight the types of federal investment needed to address these challenges, and consider how such infrastructure investments would have an overall positive impact on the New England economy.

PANEL DISCUSSIONS: Each panel program will feature representatives of NEC member organizations who can discuss the key challenges and infrastructure needs they see for the New England region. Each panel will focus on a different type of infrastructure – transportation, tech and telecom, and energy and one panel to discuss a means to pay for a potential multi-trillion-dollar investment. Panelists will discuss what they believe is necessary for the continued growth of our region through what items need to be included in federal legislation to ensure that prosperity and how the business community can show support in attaining those goals.

- **Panel #1: Transportation:** Panel targets may include members from the following industries: airport, ports, road safety, transit, construction, labor, environment, rail, engineering, and research. 4-5 panelists.
 - Moderated by Steve Silveira of ML Strategies & Chair of the Council’s T&I Committee.
 - Target Date: April 27 - 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.

- **Panel # 2: Energy:** Panel targets may include members from the following industries: energy producers (gas, wind, solar, etc.), ISO, construction, labor, environment, regulatory, and large commercial energy user(s).
 - 4-5 panelists and a moderator
 - Target Date: Mid-May

- **Panel #3: Tech & Telecom:** Panel targets may include members from the following industries: cell towers, internet/wireless providers, education, regulatory, land-line providers & software.
 - 4-5 panelists and a moderator
 - Target Date: Early June

- **Panel #4: Financing:** Panel targets may include representatives of Finance-oriented NEC Members who can discuss the myriad ways to pay for the expansion of infrastructure across New England.
 - 4-5 panelists and a moderator
 - Target Date: Late June

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