The Donald J. Trump Infrastructure Plan and Financing Strategies

Although infrastructure and infrastructure financing have bi-partisan support, as it is a non-partisan issue, notwithstanding multiple meetings with members of congress, here is the history and evolution of the Infrastructure Plan of Donald J. Trump.

Plan-A. Build a wall and get Mexico to pay for it:

If unsuccessful, go to Plan-B.

Plan-B. Build a wall and get U.S. Taxpayers to pay for it:

If unsuccessful, shut down the U.S. Government for longest period in the history of the United States and go to Plan-C.

Plan-C. <u>Boastfully Double (trump) Democrats \$1T plan and offer to meet within two (2) weeks to discuss financing method:</u>

If unsuccessful or no method of financing exists, cut meeting short, leave room for Rose Garden with awaiting podium (*with signage*) and awaiting Press to announce no infrastructure plan unless/until all investigations are ended.

If unsuccessful, propose another "infrastructure week", without there being a single meaningful meeting with any substance scheduled and follow the existing pattern of "Infrastructure Weeks".

Infrastructure Weeks – A brief history:

(Source: Jim Reiger, Washington Post, May 22, 2019)

1) Week of May 15, 2017

What: Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao (*wife of Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell*) *promises* \$1 trillion infrastructure plan "in the next several weeks."

What derailed it: Hours later, The Washington Post <u>reported</u> that Trump shared highly classified intelligence with the Russian foreign minister and ambassador.

2) Week of June 5, 2017

What: The first official White House "infrastructure week" (which notably kicked off without a plan).

What derailed it: Former FBI director James B. Comey accused Trump of <u>lying</u> in congressional testimony. The next day, Trump accused Comey of <u>lying</u>.

3) Week of Aug. 14, 2017

What: Trump <u>signed</u> an executive order he said would streamline the infrastructure approval process.

What derailed it: Trump spent much of a nearly 45-minute <u>news conference</u> meant to tout the order <u>blaming</u> "both sides" for violent protests in Charlottesville.

4) Week of Oct. 9, 2017

What: Chao again <u>touted</u> Trump's \$1 trillion infrastructure plan without providing the details of said plan.

What derailed it: The Post <u>reported</u> that Chao repeatedly used taxpayer-funded private jets to fly to events when cheaper commercial flights were available.

5) Week of Feb. 12, 2018

What: Trump <u>announced</u> a \$1.5 trillion infrastructure plan, much of it <u>funded</u> by states and private investment.

What derailed it: The <u>resignation</u> of a White House aide over domestic violence allegations, reports that Trump's personal attorney Michael Cohen <u>paid hush money</u> during the 2016 campaign to adult-film actress Stormy Daniels, the <u>indictment</u> of 13 Russians in special counsel Robert S. Mueller III's investigation and a <u>massacre at a high school</u> in Parkland, Fla.

6) Week of March 26, 2018

What: Trump gave a speech in Ohio <u>touting</u> his infrastructure plan.

What derailed it: As The Post's Heather Long reported at the time: "This latest [infrastructure] week is happening while Congress is on recess, Trump faces high-profile allegations of marital infidelity, the Russia investigation continues to make headlines, and the administration grapples with staff turnover and contentious firings."

7) Week of April 29, 2019

What: Trump and congressional Democrats agreed to invest \$2 trillion in infrastructure, even as Trump's acting chief of staff and congressional Republicans cast doubt on it.

What derailed it: Hours after Trump's infrastructure meeting with Democrats, The Post <u>reported</u> that Mueller wrote a letter to Attorney General William P. Barr in March complaining that Barr's letter describing Mueller's principal conclusions "did not fully capture the context, nature, and substance" of Mueller's investigation. Senate Democrats <u>hammered</u> Barr about it during a hearing the next day.

Plan-D. ????

If unsuccessful, blame <u>???</u>, Democrats, liberals, immigrants, Mexicans, all Hispanics, all non-Caucasians, Muslims, Obama, Hillary, Pelosi, Schumer, the "Deep State", Robert Mueller & 13 angry Democrats, "witch-hunt investigations", Fake News, bad trade deals, bone-spurs, the White House dog (*First Fido?*) ate my infrastructure plan, and <u>???</u> of obstructing and go to Plan-E.

Plan-E. ????

If unsuccessful, blame **???**, Democrats, liberals, immigrants, Mexicans, all Hispanics, all non-Caucasians, Muslims, Obama, Hillary, Pelosi, Schumer, the "Deep State", Robert Mueller & 13 angry Democrats, "witch-hunt investigations", Fake News, bad trade deals, bone-spurs, the White House dog (*First Fido?*) ate my infrastructure plan, and **???** of obstructing and go to Plan-F.

Plan-F ????

If unsuccessful, blame <u>???</u>, Democrats, liberals, immigrants, Mexicans, all Hispanics, all non-Caucasians, Muslims, Obama, Hillary, Pelosi, Schumer, the "Deep State", Robert Mueller & 13 angry Democrats, "witch-hunt investigations", Fake News, bad trade deals, bone-spurs, the White House dog (*First Fido?*) ate my infrastructure plan, and <u>???</u> of obstructing and go to Plan-G.