

April 29, 2016

RE: National Infrastructure Week (May 16-23) Will Focus on the Benefits of Investment

Dear Mayor:

Now in its fourth year, New Jersey municipalities have been invited to participate in National Infrastructure Week, May 16-23. Infrastructure Week is a national week of events; media coverage; and education and advocacy efforts to increase awareness of and focus attention on infrastructure, as a critical issue affecting the lives of all Americans.

The theme in 2016 – “Infrastructure Matters” – tells the story of what infrastructure means to Americans. It matters, in big ways and in small, to our country, our economy, our quality of life, our safety, and our communities. Roads, bridges, rails, ports, airports, pipes, the power grid, broadband - infrastructure matters to the goods we ship and the companies that make and sell them; it matters to our daily commutes and our summer vacations, to drinking water from our faucets, to the lights in our homes, and ultimately to every aspect of our daily lives. You can learn more about it at www.infrastructureweek.org

On April 27, the National League of Cities (NLC) hosted a webinar on preparing for the week. To learn how your municipality can join one of the many events NLC will host, as well as how you can participate in your own municipality, you can click here to view the webinar slides.

NLC will host several events during Infrastructure Week, including:

- A call to announce NLC's new report, Paying for Infrastructure in a New Era of Federalism, on Monday, May 16 at 11am EDT
- A webinar, co-hosted by NLC, National Association of Counties (NACO) and National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), for local leaders to learn more about opportunities in expanding access to broadband on Monday, May 16 at 1pm EDT
- Join infrastructure advocacy day. As NLC leaders and our allies converge on Capitol Hill, join them on May 18 to tell Congress to fix the transportation funding crisis. Sign up now to take part <http://infrastructureweek.org/advocacy/>
- An event on Capitol Hill discussing the 21st century water challenges facing cities on Thursday, May 19 at 2:30pm EDT.
- Additional details for these events will be available in the coming weeks. Visit www.infrastructureweek.org to learn more or email your questions to advocacy@nlc.org.

Thanks for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

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