Counties are leaders in the nation’s infrastructure system. Transportation and infrastructure are core public sector responsibilities that impact everything from our daily commutes to shipping goods around the globe. From building and maintaining roads and bridges to providing efficient transit options, counties are a driving force connecting communities and strengthening our economy. Counties also play a major role in other essential community infrastructure, such as schools, hospitals, jails, courthouses, parks, broadband deployment, and water purification and sewage systems.

- **34%**
  - Counties are involved in the operation of **34% of public airports**.

- **90%**
  - Counties support over **900 hospitals** and invest in **90% of jails**.

- **78%**
  - **78% of public transit agencies** are county supported, including buses, trains, light rail and subway systems.

- **45%**
  - Counties own and maintain **45% of America’s roads**. In total, **3.1 million miles** are locally-owned roads, where the majority of trips both start and end.

- **38%**
  - Counties own and maintain **38% of bridges**—in 2018, 45,700 bridges were structurally deficient, of which **53% were owned by counties**.
**HOW COUNTIES INVEST IN AMERICA’S INFRASTRUCTURE SYSTEM**

$83 BILLION in community health and hospitals

$60 BILLION in construction of public facilities such as hospitals, schools, jails, and other local institutions

$21.6 BILLION in sewage and waste management

$134 BILLION in infrastructure and maintaining and operating public works

**COUNTY PRIORITIES IN A FEDERAL INFRASTRUCTURE PACKAGE**

- A strong federal-state-local intergovernmental partnership that maintains local decision-making.
- Dedicated funding for locally owned infrastructure.
- Preservation of tax-exempt status of municipal bonds.
- Streamlining of the federal permit process while ensuring common-sense environmental stewardship.
- Bringing long-term certainty and solvency to the federal Highway Trust Fund.

**STRONGER COUNTIES. STRONGER AMERICA.**