Goals
The maintenance of infrastructure such as transportation, communication, water supply, and energy systems helps to maintain smooth-flowing commercial activity. The improvement of this infrastructure promotes the growth of business as well as safety, comfort, and quality of life.

Selected Policy Tools and Strategies
- Funding to states and localities to finance road, bridge, and tunnel construction
- Funding to states and localities to promote and improve mass-transit systems
- Funding to states and localities to promote and improve other infrastructure (power- and water-supply facilities, etc.)
- Regulation of communication industry to promote competition and fair trade practices
- Regulation of airline industry to promote competition, fair trade practices, and safety
- Regulation and support for air traffic control systems
- Technical assistance and research to help improve transportation, communication, and other infrastructure

Major Government Policy Actors

**President and Executive Branch**
Department of Transportation
Seeks to improve and enforce transportation safety
Maintains and develops transportation services
Provides technical help to cities and states regarding transportation concerns
Coast Guard and other units manage and oversee specific forms of transportation

**Other Federal Agencies**
Federal Aviation Agency regulates airline industry
Federal Communications Commission regulates the communications industry

**Legislative Branch**
Standing Committees of Congress
review, research, and hold hearings on issues and legislation
House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works

**Judicial Branch**
Mediates conflicts between players

Unions and Other Labor Interest Groups
- International Brotherhood of Teamsters (union for workers involved in land shipping)
- Communication Workers of America
- United Auto Workers
- Other industry-specific unions

Business, Professional, and Public Interest Groups
- American Traffic Safety Services Association
- Association of American Railroads
- Competitive Telecommunications Association
- Information Technology Industry Council
- Wireless Opportunities Coalition

The Media
TV networks Major newspapers, newswires, and magazines