

# Economic Development and Revitalization



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The [Economic Development and Revitalization Task Force's](#) work is a continuation of Governors' efforts to highlight infrastructure needs across the country: In 2019, Governors adopted NGA's [Principles for National Infrastructure Investment](#), spelling out four main areas of focus, and the following year, Governor Hogan's [Chair's Initiative](#) built on that framework and worked on a bipartisan basis to provide further [policy recommendations](#). With the enactment of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, NGA continues to provide [technical assistance and resources](#) to Governors.

## Engagement with Auto Industry on Electric Vehicles and Innovation

During NGA's Winter Meeting, the Task Force Co-chairs, Kentucky Governor Andy Beshear and South Carolina Governor Henry McMaster, along with North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper, moderated a [policy discussion on electric vehicles \(EV\)](#). Governors heard about automotive innovation and how the infrastructure package's EV charging funding will speed adoption from industry leaders who included Tom Stricker, Group Vice President for Sustainability and Regulatory Affairs with Toyota Motor North America; Travis Hester, Chief Electric Vehicle Officer with General Motors; and John Bozzella, President & CEO with the Alliance for Automotive Innovation.

## State-Federal Partnership on Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure

In February, Task Force Co-Chairs, Governor Beshear and Governor McMaster, applauded the [\\$5 billion funding announcement for EV charging infrastructure](#) by the U.S. Department of Transportation and Department of Energy. Governors are leading the way as states and territories adopt innovative strategies to support the electric vehicle industry and encourage greater EV adoption, and they said that the new funding will accelerate fleet expansion in the public and private sectors and enhance infrastructure reliability for travel and commerce. Governors will work with the Administration to ensure that states and territories thoughtfully and expeditiously deploy these critical resources.

## Infrastructure Week

In May, on the 6-month anniversary of the enactment of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, Task Force Co-Chair Governor Beshear was featured alongside White House Infrastructure Coordinator Mitch Landrieu on a keynote panel in Washington, DC. The Infrastructure Week kickoff event highlighted Governors' successful advocacy on the bipartisan infrastructure package and how state and territories are preparing to deploy the funds.

## Virtual Briefing on Competition Legislation

As both chambers continue formal conference committee negotiations to reconcile differences between the House- and Senate-passed versions of the competitiveness and supply-chain legislation, key provisions in the bills have broad, bipartisan support in Congress, including the Creating Helpful Incentives to Produce Semiconductors (CHIPS) for America Act to provide \$52 billion for semiconductor research and manufacturing. The Task Force is planning a briefing that will feature a panel discussion from Congressional leaders on the most important components of the bill as well as an update on negotiations, which is a [federal priority](#) for Governors.