Inside the Infrastructure Revolution – a Roadmap for Rebuilding America

- America does not have a single facility in the World’s Top 25 Airports anymore;
- Almost 55,000 American bridges have been classified as structurally unsafe yet 1.7 million motorists cross over them daily;
- A majority of our country’s power grids are 50 years beyond their estimated life expectancy and not only are they inadequate, but they also cannot handle the new alternative energy sources;
- The country’s water resources are stretched and thousands of gallons of water each day are lost because public water systems and pipelines (also decades beyond lifetime expectancies) cannot be repaired because of inadequate funding;
- America’s ports all need to be expanded, dredged and upgraded to accommodate the world’s mega ships that are becoming the norm;
- Rural America needs broadband expansion so that students in even remote areas of the nation can keep pace with the rest of the world; and
- Thousands of our current roadways must be repaired and expanded and new roads and bridges must be built.

The federal government cannot generate the trillions of dollars that will be required to attend to even the most critical infrastructure projects that should be launched immediately.

Mary Scott Nabers’ must read new book, Inside the Infrastructure Revolution – A Roadmap for Rebuilding America, has just been released. Six years ago, in her first book, Collaboration Nation – How Private Ventures Are Revolutionizing the Business of Government, Mary explained trends and collaborative methods that were being used for public projects in most of the rest of the world. She pointed out that America was falling behind and predicted that the U.S. would have to also adopt public-private partnerships very soon. Now, six years later, those trends and models have matured in the U.S. and some visionary regional leaders are launching infrastructure projects without federal funding assistance. They are doing it through collaboration with private-sector partners.

The problem is that too few elected officials and public leaders are moving quickly. Too many are still waiting for Congress to open up the floodgates of funding and provide assistance. That’s not going to happen. That is assured because of the country’s debt situation and the continual inability of Congress to agree on anything.

Mary’s new book truly is written as a roadmap for how the country can move forward. She says that timing is just as critical as the problems that must be addressed and America’s future economic prosperity hangs in the balance. The country must address its roadways, unsafe bridges, inadequate water systems, power grids and the need for new public facilities of all types. Inside the Infrastructure Revolution is filled with specific information, examples, case studies and best practices for public-private joint ventures. The roadmap illustrates opportunities, benefits, and processes as well as the pitfalls to avoid.

America has the capital, the tools, and the creativity to tackle this problem. Mary advocates not waiting on Congress. Her message is, “Let the revolution begin…we cannot continue to ignore the country’s public assets - we are already late to the game!”