

Infrastructure

The passage of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) marked the beginning of an anticipated dramatic uptick in projects involving transportation networks, broadband access, and public works. The IIJA made available \$1.2 trillion in funding for infrastructure programs, including \$550 billion in new federal spending. While there is plenty of funding to be had, getting it won't necessarily be easy. Most IIJA funding will flow from the federal government to states and localities, which will decide where the money goes and will oversee execution of the funded projects.

To help clients make the most of these new opportunities, while avoiding potential landmines, Cozen O'Connor has assembled an interdisciplinary team of attorneys with vast experience in Government Contracts, Utility & Energy, Construction, Public & Project Finance, and Transportation & Trade, combined with lobbying professionals from Cozen O'Connor Public Strategies. Our team has followed the IIJA from its inception and is continuing to monitor the status of the Build Back Better bill. We stand ready to help clients identify, analyze, and optimize the full spectrum of infrastructure opportunities on the horizon.

Experience

Represented Concurrent Group, LLC, a full-service provider of construction, maintenance, and restoration services for utilities, electric membership co-ops, and municipally-owned power providers, in the sale of its equity interests to QualTek LLC, a provider of infrastructure services to the North American 5G wireless, telecom, and renewable energy sectors. This transaction drew on the experience of the firm's corporate, tax, employee benefits and executive compensation, and labor and employment attorneys.

Acted as counsel to various subcontractors on disputes involving heavy and light rail, heavy civil construction, and other government-funded projects around the country involving delays, impacts, changes, including advising clients on dispute resolution boards (DRBs) and assisting in claim preparation and prosecution.

Acted as co-counsel to the State of Maryland Transit Administration on the Purple Line dispute.

Served as bond counsel and special counsel to the New York Transportation Development Corporation in the P3 renovation and privatization of the 27 service areas on the New York State Thruway, a 570-mile tollway that is the fifth busiest in the nation. This transaction was named the *Bond Buyer* 2021 Public-Private Partnership (P3) Financing Deal of the Year.

Served as co-disclosure counsel to the City of Philadelphia in connection with the issuance of \$254 million of \$203.16 million Gas Works Revenue Bonds Sixteenth Series A and \$50,765,000 Gas Works Revenue Refunding Bonds Sixteenth Series B.

Represented SteelRiver Infrastructure Fund North America LP in its \$4.25 billion sale of Peoples Natural Gas Company LLC and Peoples Gas Company LLC to Aqua America, Inc. (now Essential Utilities, Inc.), including negotiation of regulatory provisions of the purchase and sale agreement and obtaining required regulatory approvals from the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PA PUC Docket No. A-2018-3006061).

Served as lead disclosure counsel for \$2.4 billion of special facilities bonds for the LaGuardia Airport Terminal B Reconstruction Project. The transaction was the 2016 Bond Buyer Deal of the Year for the Northeast Region.



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