America's Infrastructure GPA: C-, up from D+

- The American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) released their 2021 Report Card for America's Infrastructure today and it shows, "For the first time in 20 years, our [ASCE] infrastructure GPA is a C-, up from a D+ in 2017."
- ASCE grades by sector range from B in rail to a D- for transit.
- The reason for the slight increase in overall GPA is due to the improved grades for the aviation, drinking water, energy, inland waterways, and ports sectors since grades were last assigned in 2017. The grades for bridges went down and the first grade for stormwater, a D, was assigned.
- After the $1.9 trillion relief package currently under consideration is complete, lawmakers should turn their attention to other legislative priorities and infrastructure is likely one they will take up this year. We are watching to see if there will be a bipartisan or partisan infrastructure proposal out of Washington by the end of the year.

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