Another Infrastructure Bank Proposal—the BRIDGE Act

Points for WESTCAS Consideration

Yesterday, Senator Warner and a group of ten Senators introduced the BRIDGE Act that would provide $10 billion (yes, that is B—billion) in seed money for an infrastructure bank. All types of infrastructure would be eligible from airports to power plants, and including water and wastewater projects. BRIDGE provides a lot of funding but for a very diverse range of infrastructure types—will Western water projects do better with BRIDGE because of large funding amount or with the WIFIA bank with a fourth of the funding but targeted to water resources projects?

WESTCAS is supporting WIFIA; suggest that WESTCAS keep an eye on BRIDGE and consider supporting if there is an opportunity to “cross that bridge!”