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#### The United States federal government should provide transportation infrastructure investment for plastic reinforcement of highways in the United States if, and only if, the program cost does not exceed initial cost estimates by more than 10% and the administering agency adopts a prior spending framework as per the Puentes 2008 card. If the program cost does exceed initial cost estimates by 10%, the United States federal government should terminate the program.

#### The Counterplan solves and competes – it establishes an explicit cost-threshold for the plan BEFORE implementation

Puentes 08 (Robert, Senior Fellow Brookings Institute, “A Bridge to Somewhere Rethinking American Transportation For The 21st Century”

www.brookings.edu/~/media/research/files/reports/2008/6/transportation%20puentes/06\_transportation\_puentes\_report.pdf

Lost in the dominant discussion … be a genuine consequence.

#### Failure to build-in a termination condition ensures cost-overruns – the plan overstate benefits and understate costs

Postrel 11 [Virginia Postrel, 7/8/11

www.bloomberg.com/news/2011-07-08/too-many-public-works-built-on-rosy-scenarios-virginia-postrel.html, accessed 10/8/12]

“Infrastructure” may be one of the least glamorous … overrun, there’s no cost overrun.”

#### Efficient spending is key to economic competitiveness

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Right now, federal transportation decisionmaking is … our cities, and our families.

#### Failure to restore competitiveness crushes US primacy— the impact is great power war

Khalilzad 11 (Fellow at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, 2011

Zalmay, National Review, “The Economy and National Security,” February 8

http://www.nationalreview.com/articles/259024/economy-and-national-security-zalmay-khalilzad?pg=2, last accessed 5.25.12)

Today, economic and fiscal .. aggressive moves in their regions.