## ****Cost Overruns CP****

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#### ****CP Text: If, and only if, the program cost of \_\_\_\_\_\_ does not exceed initial cost estimates by more than 10% and adapts a prior spending framework as per the Puentes 2008 card, the United States federal government should (plan). If the program cost does exceed initial cost estimates by 10 percent, 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,”

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

Lost in the dominant discussion about how much money we are spending on the federal

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process and direct¶ loss of federal funds should be a genuine consequence.

### 1NC/2NC Internal NB

#### And, failure to build-in a termination condition ensures cost-overruns – the plan’s advantages are gross over-estimations **Postrel 11** [Virginia Postrel writes about commerce and culture, innovation, economics and public policy. Bloomberg, 7/8/11

http://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 words in the English language

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If the party says there’s no cost overrun, there’s no cost overrun.”

#### That’s key to solvency and U.S. Economic Competitiveness **Puentes 2k8** (“A Bridge to Somewhere Rethinking American Transportation For The 21st Century,” g online @ http://www.brookings.edu/~/media/research/files/reports/2008/6/transportation%20puentes/06\_transportation\_puentes\_report.pdf) Right now, federal transportation decision-making is misaligned with the geographic realities of travel patterns,

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that ensures vitality and competitiveness for the U.S. economy, our cities, and our families.

#### ****And, failure to restore U.S. competitiveness crushes U.S. primacy—****the impact is global 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 trends pose the most severe long-term threat to

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, hostile states would be emboldened to make aggressive moves in their regions.