

What's in it for Arizona?

Infrastructure and the Economy:

- ASCE Infrastructure Report Card Grade C: Roads (D+), dams, levees, and drinking & waste water infrastructure (\$8 billion needed) in poor condition. 32% of households lack high-speed broadband access. 20% of homes lack internet. Power grid needs expanding.
- Growing population; large land mass; 20-year drought. 21% cutback in water allocation from the Colorado River. 80% of land with few restrictions on water use. Groundwater drawdown is unsustainable.

AZ will receive the following from the NIB:

- Up to \$96 billion over 10 years, creating 480,000 new, family sustaining jobs. (Compared to \$7.3 B from BIL)
- Includes AZ share of \$400 billion to deliver new water supplies. One option is piping 5% of water from Atchafalaya to CO Lake Powell, to refill 2 reservoirs in under 2 years (cost \$15-20 billion). Similar to Rep-Dem proposal in AZ legislature. Alternative is desalination (cost \$5 B; deliver water at \$2000/acre foot = 10x normal fee).
- Connect cities with high speed rail.

Other Benefits from NIB (see separate slides):

- Enhance education to train workers in new industries.
- Connect/improve rural economies.
- Improve state and city finances, business, and tourism, through economic growth.

OLD RIVER CONTROL COMPLEX

The system uses three structures to distribute a 70/30 water flow between the Mississippi and Atchafalaya rivers respectively. 70 percent continues down the Mississippi River and 30 percent is channeled to the Atchafalaya River.

