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New Podcast Episode: Infrastructure, Reconciliation & The Almost-Post Pandemic Economy

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In our latest episode, AAF President Douglas Holtz-Eakin breaks down the latest in economic and federal policy news. He begins by walking us through the highs and lows of the \$1.2-trillion infrastructure package, then considers the outlook for the \$3.5-trillion reconciliation package. Finally, he considers what we've learned about the state of the almost-post pandemic economy—and the biggest COVID-19-related communications mistake that is impeding the economic recovery.

AAF products mentioned in today's episode:

- In “[Highlights of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act](#),” Director of Fiscal Policy Gordon Gray explains how the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, passed by the Senate and being considered by the House, was supposed to be a paid-for infrastructure investment measure but borrowed financing and arcane budgetary treatment of spending make reality different than advertising.
- In “[Ending Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation and its Effect on Unemployment Claims](#),” Director of Labor Policy Isabel Soto looks at data from the 24 states that chose to end the Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation prior to the program's expiration to determine the supplement's impact on UI claims.
- In “[Assessing the Biden Promises: Infrastructure, Taxes, and Growth](#),” AAF commissioned Tax Policy Advisers LLC to assess the macroeconomic implications of the tax and infrastructure proposals in then-presidential candidate Joe Biden's Build Back Better plan.

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