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**SO LONG AND THANKS FOR ALL THE TIFIA LOANS:** Marty Klepper resigned his post at the helm of DOT's Build America Bureau last month, pleased with all he'd been able to accomplish but frustrated by a slew of mixed messages from the administration and Congress on infrastructure. There's the cognitive dissonance created when an administration that's supposedly planning a major infusion of cash for infrastructure proposes to [cut funding](#) for infrastructure programs. Plus, the House tax bill seeks to eliminate the tax break for private activity bonds (which the administration has previously said it planned to expand). And who could forget Trump's bewildering statement that public-private partnerships are "more trouble than they're worth?" But worst of all is that the promised infrastructure initiative itself "appears to be stalled and the future is uncertain," he said. Klepper was tapped by the Obama administration in its waning days to take over the newborn Build America Bureau, created as a one-stop shop for federal infrastructure financing programs, but had been excited by the incoming Trump administration's apparent commitment to a \$1 trillion infrastructure initiative, he told POLITICO in an [interview](#).