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- Robert Puentes is a senior fellow with the Brookings Institution's Metropolitan Policy Program where he also directs the Program's Metropolitan Infrastructure Initiative. The Initiative was established to address the pressing infrastructure challenges facing cities and suburbs in the U.S. and abroad.
- Robert's work focuses on the broad array of policies and issues related to metropolitan growth and development including transportation and infrastructure, urban planning, growth management, suburban issues, and smart cities.
- Prior to joining Brookings, Robert was the director of infrastructure programs at the Intelligent Transportation Society of America. He holds a master's degree from the University of Virginia where he served on the Alumni Advisory Board, and is an affiliated professor with Georgetown University's Public Policy Institute.
- He serves on a variety of boards and committees including, most recently, New York State's 2100 Infrastructure Commission, the District of Columbia's Streetcar Financing and Governance Task Force, the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority's Technical Advisory Committee, the Tysons Corner Tomorrow Advisory Task Force, and the Falls Church, Virginia Planning Commission where he lives with his wife and three sons.
- Recent publications include: *Have Americans Hit Peak Travel? A Discussion of the Changes in US Driving Habits*; *Global Gateways: International Aviation in Metropolitan America*; *Banking on Infrastructure: Enhancing State Revolving Funds for Transportation*; *The Intersection of Place and the Next Economy*; *A Path to Public Private Partnerships for Infrastructure*; *Moving Past Gridlock: A Proposal for a Two-Year Transportation Law*; *Investing for Success: Examining a Federal Capital Budget and a National Infrastructure Bank*; *A Bridge to Somewhere: Rethinking American Transportation for the 21st Century*; *A Review of the Land Use Regulations in the Nation's Largest Metropolitan Areas*; *Prosperity at Risk: Toward a Competitive New Jersey*; and *One Fifth of the Nation: A Profile of Change in America's First Suburbs*.
- He is a frequent speaker to a variety of groups, a regular contributor in newspapers and other media, and has testified before Congressional committees.