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# Akerman Partner Richard Spees Speaks with *Washington Post* about Lobbying for Historic Infrastructure Funds

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Government Affairs and Public Policy Partner [Richard Spees](#) was quoted in the *Washington Post* article, “‘The mother lode’: Cities and counties across America clamor for slice of new infrastructure funds.” After members of Congress debated a historic infrastructure bill that would fund hundreds of billions of dollars’ worth of new spending on roads, bridges, pipes, ports and Internet connections, cities, county and state officials across the country hired lobbyists in Washington, D.C. to advocate on their behalf. Spees explained that this spending package is the largest ever seen and in order to have the best chance of securing funds for the next decade, municipalities need outside expertise to help them tailor their applications and gather support from lawmakers.

Spees was quoted, “You can never say never, but the reality probably is that this is the mother lode of funding for probably the next seven, eight, nine, ten years. You miss the boat on this one, you’re out.”

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