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What grows larger the more you take away? (See answer at the end of the article.)

What an amazing trip to Washington D.C. for the [2018 ASCE Legislative Fly-In](#) in March. We were so fortunate to dodge the snowy weather that caused havoc throughout portions of the northeast.

While attending the Fly-In, I felt like I needed a translator for the acronyms related to infrastructure funding topics being discussed. The good news is that there were *infrastructure funding acronyms* being discussed. Key acronyms included: **HTF** - Highway Trust Fund (centered around the gas tax), **AIP** - Airport Improvement Program – Aviation Reauthorization, **PFC** - Passenger Facility Charges, **TIGER** Grants – Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery, **WRRDA** - Water Resources Reform & Development Act, **SRF WIN** Act – Securing Required Funding for Water Infrastructure Now Act, **WIFIA** – Water Infrastructure Finance & Innovation Act and **SRF** – State Revolving Funds. Just to name a few. Look up these topics and familiarize yourself with them. I believe we will be hearing plenty more about these topics over the next several years to come.

As suggested last month, and considering [Infrastructure Week](#) is approaching, members need to look for opportunities to connect with infrastructure concerns that are near and dear to our **Civilization**. Civil Engineers provide infrastructure that is designed and built for the **Greater Good** (stay tuned for [CECON 2018](#) in September). Please contact me with your thoughts and ideas on how ASCE Texas Section members can continue to make improvements to our infrastructure and advocate for investment.

Answer: [A hole](#). It will take a “whole” lot of resilient and innovative design, life cycle planning, and leveraged investing to dig our infrastructure needs out of the hole it’s in.

Until the next issue – [It will be FUN!!!](#)

Sincerely,

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