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Question: Why was "infrastructure week" a joke under Trump, who could have gotten the votes at any time, only to become reality now despite razor-thin Dem majority? It wasn't just incompetence, although that too 1/

I think two factors. 1st, the McConnell wing of the GOP doesn't want a successful spending program, even under an R president, because that might help legitimize an increased govt role in general. That is, they opposed infra not bc it might fail but bc it might succeed 2/

2nd, Trump team was addicted to crony capitalism. They couldn't do a clean bill; it had to offer privatized stuff that would mean big bucks for their friends 3/ https://t.co/alnlqhyMBf

Not ready to celebrate until or unless we also get BBB. The case for investment in people — and climate! — is even stronger than the case for steel and concrete. But amazing how much can happen once you can push the ideologies and crony capitalists to one side 4/