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Cuomo aide: Infrastructure plan will cost \$100 billion



Cuomo unveils downstate infrastructure plans. (Kevin P. Coughlin/Office of the Governor)

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Gov. Andrew Cuomo's infrastructure plans for New York state will cost \$100 billion and create more than 250,000 jobs, according to Bill Mulrow, the governor's secretary, who unleashed those enormous numbers during a Monday afternoon speech to construction industry executives at the Mandarin Oriental.

"This is a \$100 billion program," Mulrow told the New York Building Congress. It would be, he said, "the largest development in New York since Robert Moses." He said Cuomo would formally unveil the program at his combined State of the State address and budget message in Albany on Wednesday.

Cuomo has spent the last week or so touting the state's investments in [roads, bridges, subways, airports, a rail tunnel, a convention center, a train station](#), and so on.

He has yet to explain how he would pay for those projects.

Nor did Mulrow explain how the \$100 billion figure was arrived at, or what span of time it encompasses.

Following Mulrow's remarks, two reporters tried to ask him how the state was planning to pay for the projects.

Mulrow replied by saying, "State of the State, budget," referring to Cuomo's combined State of the State and budget address on Wednesday.

A reporter said it wasn't clear that the source of that \$100 billion would be contained in Cuomo's budget presentation either.

"Is there a hint of skepticism there?" responded Mulrow, smiling.