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Op-Ed: Creating Middle Class Jobs By Upgrading NYC's Aging Infrastructure

An ambitious plan to revitalize public infrastructure can provide New Yorkers with well-paying jobs and lay the foundation for a stronger city.

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Upgrading New York City's aging infrastructure is both essential for the city's continued safety and vibrancy, and an effective option to generate much-needed middle-income jobs. In this *amNewYork* op-ed, CUF Executive Director Jonathan Bowles and Winston C. Fisher, partner at Fisher Brothers and co-chair of the New York City Regional Economic Development Council, lay out an ambitious plan to revitalize NYC's aging infrastructure—and create accessible, middle class jobs for thousands of New Yorkers in the process.

Read the op-ed here.

This op-ed is part of the Center for an Urban Future's Middle Class Jobs Project, and builds on the Center's extensive research on the city's infrastructure needs and the challenge of generating middle-income jobs.

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