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## **President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is Delivering in California**

As of July 2022

The Biden-Harris Administration has hit the ground running to implement the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, and it is already delivering results for the people of California. To date, \$9.2 billion in Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding has been announced and is headed to California with at least 250 specific projects identified for funding. This year alone, California will receive \$8 billion for transportation to invest in roads, bridges, public transit, ports and airports and over \$609 million for clean water. And, as of today, more than 1.6 million households across the state are receiving affordable internet due to the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. Many more projects will be added in the coming months, as funding opportunities become grant awards and as formula funds become specific projects. By reaching communities all across California – including rural communities and historically underserved populations – the law makes critical investments that will improve lives for Californians and position the state for success.

**Roads and Bridges:** In California there are 1,536 bridges and over 14,220 miles of highway in poor condition. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law will rebuild our roads and includes the single largest dedicated bridge investment since the construction of the interstate highway system. Based on formula funding alone, California is expected to receive approximately \$28 billion over five years in federal funding for highways and bridges.

- **Announced funding to date:** To date, California has been allocated \$4.9 billion in highway formula funding and \$575 million in dedicated funding for bridges in 2022.

**Internet:** High-speed internet is necessary for Americans to do their jobs, participate in school, access health care, and stay connected. Yet nearly 18% of Californians do not have an internet subscription. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law invests \$65 billion to provide affordable, high-speed internet to every American. California will receive a minimum allocation of at least \$100 million to help ensure high-speed internet coverage

across the state. Additionally, experts estimate that as many as 5.6 million households in California are eligible for the Affordable Connectivity Program, which cuts internet bills by up to \$30 per month, or \$75 for households on Tribal lands, and provides a one-time \$100 discount off a connected device. The Biden-Harris Administration is providing further cost savings by working with internet providers to offer high-speed internet plans that are fully covered by the Affordable Connectivity Program — meaning most eligible households can now get high-speed internet without paying a dime.

- **Progress to date:** About 1.6 million households in California are enrolled in the Affordable Connectivity Program, with more signing up every day. Households can check their eligibility, sign up, and find fully covered internet plans at [GetInternet.gov](https://www.getinternet.gov).

**Water:** Currently, up to 10 million American households across the country connect to water through lead pipes and lack access to clean, safe drinking water. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law represents the largest investment in clean drinking water in American history, including the first-ever dedicated federal funding to replace lead service lines and address dangerous PFAS chemicals.

- **Announced funding to date:** To date, approximately \$609 million is available in fiscal year 2022 to provide clean and safe water across the state. Of this funding, \$250 million is dedicated to lead pipe and service line replacement, with another \$159 million for safe drinking water investments that can also support lead pipe replacement in fiscal year 2022.

**Public Transit:** The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law makes the largest investment in public transit in U.S. history. Based on formula funding alone, California would expect to receive about \$10.3 billion over five years under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to improve public transit across the state.<sup>1</sup> This funding will expand healthy, sustainable transportation options in California, where non-white households are 1.6 times more likely to commute via public transportation and over 15% of transit vehicles in the state are currently past useful life.

- **Announced funding to date:** To date, California has been allocated nearly \$2 billion to improve public transportation options across the state in fiscal year 2022.

**Electric Vehicle Charging:** The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law invests \$7.5 billion to build the first-ever national network of electric vehicle chargers in the United States and is a critical element of President Biden's plan to address the climate crisis and support domestic manufacturing jobs. Through the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure

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<sup>1</sup> Transit formula funding amounts are subject to changes resulting from the 2020 census or from annual transit service data reported to FTA's National Transit Database.

Program alone, California should expect to receive about \$384 million in formula funding over five years to support the expansion of electric vehicle charging in the state.

- **Announced funding to date:** California has been allocated \$57 million in 2022, pending the approval of the state's Electric Vehicle Charging Plan.

**Clean Energy & Power:** Power outages cost the U.S. economy more than \$70 billion annually. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law makes a historic investment to upgrade our power infrastructure by making the grid more resilient and building thousands of miles of new transmission lines to deliver clean, affordable electricity. The law also makes a historic investment in clean energy technologies like advanced nuclear, clean hydrogen, and carbon capture, as well as a historic \$3.5 billion investment in weatherization to improve energy efficiency of homes and lower energy costs for impacted households by an average of \$372 per year.

- **Announced funding to date:** To date, approximately \$125 million has been allocated to California in 2022 for weatherization and \$34 million to help prevent outages and make the power grid more resilient in 2022. Additional grid funding will be made available in the coming months.

**Airports & Ports:** According to some rankings, no U.S. airports rank in the top 25 of airports worldwide. Our ports and waterways are in need of repair and reimagining too. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law invests \$17 billion in port infrastructure and \$25 billion in airports to strengthen our supply chains, address maintenance backlogs, and reduce congestion and emissions near ports and airports – ultimately helping our country move goods and people more quickly and at lower cost.

- **Announced funding to date:** To date, California has received more than \$389 million in 2022 for airports and \$48 million in 2022 for ports.

**Resilience:** Millions of Americans feel the effects of climate change and extreme weather every day. More frequent hurricanes, wildfires, heat waves, floods, unprecedented power outages, and persistent droughts devastate our communities and threaten our infrastructure. In the last two decades, California has experienced 32 extreme weather events, costing the state up to \$100 billion in damages. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law makes a \$50 billion investment to bolster our resilience against pressing challenges like impacts of climate change, extreme weather events, and other hazards like cyberattacks.

- **Announced funding to date:** To date, approximately \$297 million has been allocated to California for infrastructure resilience in 2022.

**Legacy Pollution Cleanup:** Across the country, thousands of former industrial, chemical, and energy sites emit harmful pollutants into surrounding communities. These sites pose harms to health, welfare, and economic prosperity — and disproportionately impact communities of color: 26% of Black Americans and 29% of Hispanic Americans live within 3 miles of a Superfund site, a higher percentage than for Americans overall. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law will deliver the largest investment in tackling legacy pollution in American history by cleaning up Superfund and brownfield sites, reclaiming abandoned mines, and capping orphaned oil and gas wells.

- **Announced funding to date:** To date, more than \$61 million has been allocated to California in 2022 for legacy pollution cleanup, such as capping orphaned oil and gas wells and reclaiming abandoned mine lands.

For more information, click [here](#) to see a map of funding and announced projects announced in your community through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

## CALIFORNIA PROJECT SPOTLIGHTS

### ***Airport Project Spotlight***

#### **LAX Modernization**

Overview: The Federal Aviation Administration awarded \$50 million to modernize Los Angeles' LAX airport to increase passenger capacity by reconfiguring and repaving roadways around the airport, along with upgrading the entrance to the central terminal area parking.

See [here](#) for a map and list of the 2022 Airport Terminal awards announced in early July.

### ***Ports Project Spotlight***

#### **Port of Long Beach Navigation**

Overview: The Army Corps of Engineers awarded \$8 million to improve commercial navigation at the Port of Long Beach, the second-busiest container port in the nation. The project will expand channels in the harbor to allow larger and more ships to pass, helping to address supply chain challenges.

### ***Wildfire Prevention Project Spotlight***

#### **Stanislaus National Forest Wildfire Risk Reduction**

Overview: The Department of Agriculture has committed \$22 million to reducing wildfire risk in the Stanislaus National Forest. The project will reduce hazardous fuels at scale, decreasing exposure of people, communities, infrastructure, and natural resources to the risk of catastrophic wildfire. It aims to impact 8,500 acres in FY22.

***Resilience Project Spotlight***

**BF Sisk Dam Safety**

Overview: Through the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Reclamation, the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law will invest \$100 million to protect the BF Sisk Dam from seismic events. The dam provides water for farms, wildlife refuges, and households across the central valley.

***Resilience Project Spotlight***

**San Diego County Shoreline**

Overview: The Army Corps of Engineers will invest \$30.5 million to support coastal resilience in Encinitas and Solana in San Diego County. The project will add sand to the shoreline to raise and widen the beach, protecting coastal infrastructure by diminishing wave action against coastal bluffs and maintaining a buffer between infrastructure and the ocean.

***Resilience Project Spotlight***

**Tulelake Irrigation District**

Overview: The Department of Agriculture has awarded \$830,000 to modernize irrigation infrastructure first built in the early- to mid-1900s. The project will convert unlined delivery canals to a pipe delivery system which will leave enough water to flow into Tule Lake, which is a critical habit area for migratory birds.

See [here](#) for the full list of Natural Resources and Conservation Service projects announced earlier this year.

***Resilience Project Spotlight***

**South San Francisco Waterfront Storm Damage Reduction**

Overview: The Army Corps of Engineers invested \$5 million to deliver recommendations that will reduce flooding and restore wetlands along the south bay shoreline.