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

As of February 2023

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 Illinois. To date, \$8.2 billion in Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding has been announced and is headed to Illinois with over 165 specific projects identified for funding. Since the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law passed, Illinois will receive approximately \$6.2 billion for transportation to invest in roads, bridges, public transit, ports and airports and roughly \$288 million for clean water. And, as of today, more than 460,000 households across the state are receiving affordable high-speed 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 Illinois – including rural communities and historically underserved populations – the law makes critical investments that will improve lives for Illinoisans and position the state for success.

**Roads and Bridges:** In Illinois, there are 2374 bridges and over 6,218 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, Illinois is expected to receive approximately \$11.3 billion over five years in federal funding for highways and bridges.

- **Announced funding to date:** To date, \$4.4 billion has been announced in Illinois for roads, bridges, roadway safety, and major projects. This includes:
  - \$3.9 billion in highway formula funding and \$594.5 million in dedicated formula funding for bridges in 2022 and 2023.
  - \$83.5 million through the RAISE program, \$70 million through the INFRA program in 2022 and 2023.

**Internet:** High-speed internet is necessary for Americans to do their jobs, participate in school, access health care, and stay connected. Yet nearly 21% of Illinoisans do not have an internet subscription. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law invests \$65 billion to provide affordable, high-speed internet to every American. Illinois 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 1,853,000 households in Illinois 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:** To date, Illinois has received \$5 million through the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program (BEAD) to help provide access to high-speed internet across the state. In addition, about 460,000 households in Illinois 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:** 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, \$288 million has been announced to Illinois to provide clean and safe water across the state and improve water infrastructure. This includes:
  - \$288 million available in fiscal years 2022 and 2023 to provide clean and safe water across the state through the Environmental Protection Agency. Of this funding, \$107 million is dedicated to lead pipe and service line replacement, with another \$67.9 million for safe drinking water investments that can also support lead pipe replacement in fiscal year 2022 and 2023.

**Public Transit:** The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law makes the largest investment in public transit in U.S. history. Based on formula funding alone, Illinois would expect to receive approximately \$4.5 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 Illinois, where non-white households are 1.9 times more likely to commute via public transportation and 30% transit vehicles in the state are currently past useful life.

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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.

- **Announced funding to date:** To date, Illinois has been allocated \$850.1 million to improve public transportation options across the state in fiscal year 2022 and 2023.

**Clean Buses:** The Bipartisan Infrastructure invests over \$10 billion for clean public transit and school buses. This includes a \$5 billion investment over the next five years to replace existing school buses with zero-emission and low-emission models. Use of clean school buses promotes cleaner air, reduced health risks, especially for children, and reduced greenhouse gas emissions. This year alone, funding from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law will help double the number of clean public transit buses on America's roads.

- **Announced funding to date:** To date, Illinois has been awarded \$48.3 million for the Environmental Protection Agency's Clean School Bus Program. In addition, communities in Illinois were awarded \$29.1 million for clean transit buses and improved bus service through DOT's Low- and No- Emission Bus and Bus and Bus Facilities Program.

**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 Program alone, Illinois should expect to receive roughly \$149 million in formula funding over five years to support the expansion of electric vehicle charging in the state.

- **Announced funding to date:** Illinois has been allocated \$53.7 million in 2022 and 2023 to build out a network of EV chargers across the state.

**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, carbon capture, and batteries, 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 \$193.2 million has been allocated to Illinois for clean energy, energy efficiency, and power in 2022 and 2023. This includes:
  - \$156.2 million for weatherization;

- \$14.3 million through the State Energy Program;
- \$14.5 million through the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program;
- \$8 million to prevent outages and make the power grid more resilient. Additional grid funding will be made available in the coming months.

**Airports:** According to some rankings, no U.S. airports rank in the top 25 of airports worldwide. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law invests \$25 billion in airports to replace and modernize airport infrastructure, which helps the US become more economically competitive globally, creates good jobs, and revitalizes and supports more efficient and enhanced traveler experience.

- **Announced funding to date:** To date, Illinois has received approximately \$139.6 million in 2022 and 2023 for airports.

**Ports and Waterways:** Like airports, our ports and waterways are in need of repair and investment. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law invests \$17 billion in port infrastructure to strengthen our supply chains, address maintenance backlogs, and reduce congestion and emissions near ports— ultimately helping our country move goods more quickly and at lower cost.

- **Announced funding to date:** To date, Illinois has received roughly \$235.1 million in 2022 and 2023 for ports and waterways. Illinois was awarded \$8 million for 1 port projects through the Port Infrastructure Development Program.

**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 decade, Illinois has experienced 49 extreme weather events, costing the state up to \$50 billion in damages. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law makes a historic 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 \$1.3 billion has been allocated to Illinois for infrastructure resilience in 2022 and 2023 including \$67.2 million through the Army Corps of Engineers for flood mitigation.

**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, approximately \$110.3 million has been allocated to Illinois in 2022 and 2023 for capping orphaned oil and gas wells and reclaiming abandoned mine lands and \$4.7 million has been allocated to cleaning up Superfund and brownfield sites.

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

## **Illinois Project Spotlights**

### ***Rail Improvement Spotlight***

#### **Metra Computer Railroad Improvements**

The Department of Transportation awarded \$117 million to the Metra Commuter Railroad in Illinois to make improvements on the Metra Union Pacific-North line on a two-mile corridor from the Addison to Fullerton rail bridges, replacing approximately 11 bridges, 4 miles of track structure, and more than 1.75 miles of retaining walls along Metra's UP-N line.

See [here](#) for recently announced funding for Mega Grants across the country.

### ***Bridge Investment Project Spotlight***

#### **Calumet River Bridges**

The City of Chicago, Illinois was awarded \$144 million from the Department of Transportation to rehabilitate four bridges over the Calumet River on the Southside of Chicago. The Calumet River connects Lake Michigan with the Lake Calumet Port District which is further connected to the Illinois River providing access to the Gulf of Mexico. Each bridge lifts an average of 5,000 times per year, providing continuous and safe access for marine traffic to and from the Port and surrounding industry.

Rehabilitating these bridges ensures that communities on either side of the river remain connected and the bridges continue to function to allow barge and ship traffic to traverse to the Illinois International Port and beyond. The project will eliminate a load restriction and truck detours. It will also add dedicated bike lanes and improved sidewalks to support community connections.

See [here](#) for more information on large bridge grant recipients in 2022.

## **Rail Modernization Project Spotlight**

### **CREATE WA-1 Segment: Ogden Junction**

A \$70 million Department of Transportation award will rehabilitate railroad track, upgrade signaling, and replace, remove, or rehabilitate 18 viaduct structures. Approximately 41,000 feet of new track will be constructed or shifted. The project will improve an elevated, high-density freight rail running through central Chicago—it is more than 100 years old and in need of modernization. Track class designation will be upgraded – allowing for faster freight speeds and a more efficient supply chain. Additionally, project sponsors have engaged with labor unions and residents to ensure that the project design meets local needs and ensures community connectivity.

See [here](#) for the full list of 2022 INFRA Grant recipients.

## ***Waterways Project Spotlight***

### **Upper Mississippi River System Navigation-Ecosystem Sustainability Program**

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will invest \$829 million in the Upper Mississippi River System, which forms the Missouri/Illinois/Iowa border, to strengthen U.S. supply chains and make it easier to move goods. The funding will go to the construction of a new 1,200-foot lock, as well as modernization of existing locks and dams and environmental restoration projects.

See [here](#) for a list of announced U.S. Army Corps projects.

## ***Airport Project Spotlight***

### **General Wayne A. Downing Peoria International Airport**

Overview: The General Wayne A. Downing Peoria International Airport was awarded \$15 million to construct a new Air Traffic Control Tower. The existing ATCT is 63 years old and in poor condition, and it does not meet ADA requirements. The new tower will meet all current building codes including ADA requirements to provide a safe working environment for employees.

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

### ***RAISE Grant Project Spotlight***

#### **Greater Downtown Revitalization Project – East Moline**

The project, aided by a \$23 million grant through from the Department of Transportation's RAISE program, will revitalize and promoting local economic growth in Downtown East Moline, an area that has suffered due to a major decline in manufacturing in the 1980s. The project will connect two brownfield redevelopment sites to downtown and help make the area a destination for business, recreation, and entertainment with connections for vehicles, bikes, buses, trains, and boats to the commercial core. The project increases pedestrian safety at rail crossings, and includes dedicated trails for non-motorized travel.

See [here](#) for more information on awarded grants through the RAISE program.

### ***Resilience Project Spotlight***

#### **Brandon Road Lock and Dam**

The Department of Defense awarded \$226 million to Joliet, Illinois to complete pre construction engineering and design and initiate construction for aquatic ecosystem restoration at the Brandon Road Lock and Dam.

See [here](#) for more information on awarded grants from the Department of Agriculture.