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

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 Maine. To date, \$1 billion in Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding has been announced and is headed to Maine with over 93 specific projects identified for funding. Since the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law passed, Maine will receive approximately \$822.9 million for transportation to invest in roads, bridges, public transit, ports and airports and roughly \$69 million for clean water. And, as of today, more than 66,000 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 Maine – including rural communities and historically underserved populations – the law makes critical investments that will improve lives for Mainers and position the state for success.

**Roads and Bridges:** In Maine, there are 315 bridges and over 1,438 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, Maine is expected to receive approximately \$1.5 billion over five years in federal funding for highways and bridges.

- **Announced funding to date:** To date, \$584 million has been announced in Maine for roads, bridges, roadway safety, and major projects. This includes:
  - \$494 million in highway formula funding and \$90 million in dedicated formula funding for bridges in 2022 and 2023.
  - \$49.6 million through the RAISE program, \$77.1 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 20% of Mainers do not have an internet subscription. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law invests \$65 billion to provide affordable, high-speed internet to every American. Maine 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 221,000 households in Maine 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, Maine 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 66,000 households in Maine 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, \$69 million has been announced to Maine to provide clean and safe water across the state and improve water infrastructure. This includes:
  - \$68 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, \$28.4 million is dedicated to lead pipe and service line replacement, with another \$18 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, Maine would expect to receive approximately \$251 million 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 Maine, where non-white households are 2.2 times more likely to commute via public transportation and 51% 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, Maine has been allocated \$47.6 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, Maine has been awarded \$13.3 million for the Environmental Protection Agency's Clean School Bus Program. In addition, communities in Maine were awarded \$2 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, Maine should expect to receive roughly \$19 million in formula funding over five years to support the expansion of electric vehicle charging in the state.

- **Announced funding to date:** Maine has been allocated \$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 \$41 million has been allocated to Maine for clean energy, energy efficiency, and power in 2022 and 2023. This includes:
  - \$31.2 million for weatherization;

- \$3.7 million through the State Energy Program;
- \$3.3 million through the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program;
- \$2.7 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, Maine has received approximately \$29.7 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, Maine has received roughly \$20.4 million in 2022 and 2023 for ports and waterways.

**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, Maine has experienced 3 extreme weather events, costing the state up to \$100 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 \$27.9 million has been allocated to Maine for infrastructure resilience in 2022 and 2023 including \$350,000 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, \$20.1 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.

## **Maine Project Spotlights**

### ***Highway Improvement Project Spotlight***

#### **Presque Isle Corridor Project**

The Department of Transportation awarded \$77 million to the Maine Department of Transportation for a project that will complete Phase II of a commercial two-lane bypass route of US Route 1, constructing an approximately 6.3-mile-long, two-lane highway that will connect US Route 1 south of the city to the current bypass section already in service as well as a number of other related improvements. By creating a limited access bypass of downtown Presque Isle, traffic will avoid commercial and residential driveways, crosswalks, stoplights and a railroad crossing. It will also reduce truck traffic at five known high crash locations and will also reduce emissions from idling traffic.

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

### ***Street Rehabilitation Project Spotlight***

#### **Downtown Sanford Village Partnership Initiative**

The \$25 million in funding from the Department of Transportation will complete improvements to streets in Downtown Sanford. This includes constructing and/or replacing streets, sidewalks, crosswalks with ADA-compliant upgrades, traffic calming effects, roadway features that improve walkability and bikeability, modern underground utility ducts, energy efficient streetlights, adequate parking spaces for electric vehicles, stormwater improvements, and trail connections. It will also construct a park and ride facility on Emerson Street. The complete street improvements will provide more affordable transportation options for the community.

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

## ***Highway Rehabilitation Project Spotlight***

### **Downeast Coastal US 1 Rehabilitation Project**

The Department of Transportation has awarded \$33 million to the Maine Department of Transportation to rehabilitate approximately 68 miles of US 1 in Washington County, including shoulder widening, replacing drainage structures, making safety improvements including installing new guardrails and rumble strips, and preparing the corridor for electric vehicle chargers. The project's safety improvements and shoulder widening are expected to significantly reduce the number of lane departure crashes which are a known safety issue in this corridor. The project will also help improve recreational travel, freight movement, and access to essential services, as it includes segments of the newly designated Bold Coast Scenic Byway and Bikeway, is adjacent to an international land border and seaport, and connects two related tribal communities.

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

## ***Airport Project Spotlight***

### **Bangor International Airport Terminal Expansion**

The Huntsville International airport received a \$14 million grant from DOT's Federal Aviation Administration for a terminal expansion project including construction of a connect between two terminal buildings and expansion of the passenger security screening checkpoint. This project will enhance energy efficiency by replacing aging building utilities and increase accessibility of the airport for families and people with disabilities.

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