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President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is Delivering in New Jersey

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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 New Jersey. To date, \$5 billion in Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding has been announced and is headed to New Jersey with over 73 specific projects identified for funding. Since the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law passed, New Jersey will receive approximately \$4.3 billion for transportation to invest in roads, bridges, public transit, ports and airports and roughly \$169 million for clean water. And, as of today, more than 201,000 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 New Jersey – including rural communities and historically underserved populations – the law makes critical investments that will improve lives for New Jerseyans and position the state for success.

Roads and Bridges: In New Jersey, there are 502 bridges and over 3,995 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, New Jersey is expected to receive approximately \$8.1 billion over five years in federal funding for highways and bridges.

- **Announced funding to date:** To date, \$3.2 billion has been announced in New Jersey for roads, bridges, roadway safety, and major projects. This includes:
 - \$2.7 billion in highway formula funding and \$492.2 million in dedicated formula funding for bridges in 2022 and 2023.
 - \$25 million through the RAISE program and \$26 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 17% of New Jerseyans do not have an internet subscription. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law invests \$65 billion to provide affordable, high-speed internet to every American. New Jersey 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 1,100,000 households in New Jersey 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, New Jersey has received \$4.9 million through the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program (BEAD) to help provide access to high-speed internet across the state. In addition, about 201,000 households in New Jersey 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, \$169 million has been announced to New Jersey to provide clean and safe water across the state and improve water infrastructure. This includes:
 - \$169 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, \$48.4 million is dedicated to lead pipe and service line replacement, with another \$30.7 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, New Jersey would expect to receive approximately \$4.5 billion over five years under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to improve public transit across the state.¹ This funding will expand healthy, sustainable transportation options in New Jersey, where non-white households are 2

¹ 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.

times more likely to commute via public transportation and 25% transit vehicles in the state are currently past useful life.

- **Announced funding to date:** To date, New Jersey has been allocated \$832.7 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, New Jersey has been awarded \$2.3 million for the Environmental Protection Agency's Clean School Bus 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, New Jersey should expect to receive roughly \$104 million in formula funding over five years to support the expansion of electric vehicle charging in the state.

- **Announced funding to date:** New Jersey has been allocated \$37.7 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 \$116.5 million has been allocated to New Jersey for clean energy, energy efficiency, and power in 2022 and 2023. This includes:
 - \$87.2 million for weatherization;

- \$9.8 million through the State Energy Program;
- \$12.9 million through the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program;
- \$6.4 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, New Jersey has received approximately \$54.1 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, New Jersey has received roughly \$118.4 million in 2022 and 2023 for ports and waterways. New Jersey was awarded \$25 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, New Jersey has experienced 26 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 \$369.2 million has been allocated to New Jersey for infrastructure resilience in 2022 and 2023 including \$12.7 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, \$5.5 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.

New Jersey Project Spotlights

Public Transit Project Spotlight

Hudson Tunnel Project

Overview: The Department of Transportation has awarded \$292 million Mega grant to Amtrak for Hudson Yards Concrete Casing, Section 3. This funding is part of a \$649 million early phase project that will complete the final section of concrete casing intended to preserve future right-of-way for the new passenger rail tunnel under the Hudson River. The concrete casing protects the path of the new tunnel from Penn Station to the Hudson River's edge. If this casing were not built now, the foundations from the new Hudson Yards development would likely impede the path of the tunnel and make the project extremely difficult.

The overall Hudson Tunnel Project is an over \$16 billion investment that will improve resilience, reliability, and redundancy for New Jersey Transit (NJ Transit) and Amtrak train service between New York and New Jersey. The project will reduce commute times for NJ Transit riders, enhance Amtrak reliability on the Northeast Corridor (NEC), and support the northeast regional economy. Amtrak expects the Hudson Tunnel Project will result in 72,000 direct and indirect jobs during construction with union partnerships for job training.

See [here](#) for recently announced Mega funding.

RAISE Grant Program Project Spotlight

Intermodal Transportation Infrastructure Planning Project

Overview: This planning grant will examine, identify and assess the feasibility of construction of a ferry terminal and incorporation of a ferry service from Elizabeth, NJ to

Manhattan. The study will explore viable service locations at the municipality's waterfront, required infrastructure and supportive services, as well as include alternatives to promote energy efficiency and effectiveness. The project will create transportation choices and will seek to incorporate electric vehicle infrastructure which will reduce emissions and ease congestion by providing a new transportation option.

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

INFRA Grant Program Project Spotlight

Route 7 Drainage Improvements

Overview: \$26 million in funding for this project will make drainage improvements on approximately two miles on Route 7, including raising the roadway, adding pump stations, raising and improving a bridge approach, and installing new pipes, inlet structures, outfalls, and flood walls. This roadway is subject to chronic flooding which often causes roadway closure and detour, compromises the safety of the travelers on the roadway, disrupts normal traffic flow, and contributes to pavement deterioration. By raising the roadway and improving the drainage, the project addresses safety issues that occur in wet or icy road conditions from flooding, and avoids closure and detour during extreme weather events for drivers.

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

Low- and No Emission Bus Grant Spotlight

New Jersey Transit Corporation

Overview: The New Jersey Transit Corporation will receive funding to renovate its Union City bus garage, allowing the agency to create a public bus terminal, house administrative services and charge and deploy battery electric buses.

See [here](#) for more information on Low or No Emission Bus programs that have been announced.

Ports Project Spotlight

New Jersey Intracoastal Waterway

Overview: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers awarded \$14.3 million to the Port of Mobile to dredge portions of the federal channel between Manasquan Inlet and the Cape May ferry area; repair portions of the Point Pleasant Canal bulkhead; and repair the Cape May Canal banks and gabions.

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