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# INVESTING IN AMERICA

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## President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is Delivering in Minnesota

As of May 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 Minnesota. To date, \$3 billion in Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding has been announced and is headed to Minnesota with over 296 specific projects identified for funding. Since the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law passed, approximately \$2.4 billion has been announced for transportation – to invest in roads, bridges, public transit, ports and airports – and roughly \$272 million has been announced for clean water. And, as of today, more than 194,000 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 Minnesota – including rural communities and historically underserved populations – the law makes critical investments that will improve lives for Minnesotans and position the state for success.

**Roads and Bridges:** In Minnesota, there are 661 bridges and over 4,986 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, Minnesota is expected to receive approximately \$4.8 billion over five years in federal funding for highways and bridges.

- **Announced funding to date:** To date, \$1.9 billion has been announced in Minnesota for roads, bridges, roadway safety, and major projects. This includes:
  - \$1.7 billion in highway formula funding and \$130.3 million in dedicated formula funding for bridges in 2022 and 2023.

*Announced Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding is as of April 20, 2023*

- \$99.4 million through the RAISE program, \$35 million through the INFRA program, and \$26.3 million through the Rural Surface Transportation Grant 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 19% of Minnesotans do not have an internet subscription. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law invests \$65 billion to provide affordable, high-speed internet to every American. Minnesota 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 860,000 households in Minnesota 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, Minnesota 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 194,000 households in Minnesota 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, \$273 million has been announced to Minnesota to provide clean and safe water across the state and improve water infrastructure. This includes:
  - \$270 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, \$81.2 million is dedicated to lead pipe and service line replacement, with another \$59.3 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, Minnesota would expect to receive approximately \$856 million over five years under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to improve public transit across the state.<sup>1</sup> This funding will expand healthy,

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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.

sustainable transportation options in Minnesota, where non-white households are 2.8 times more likely to commute via public transportation and 12% transit vehicles in the state are currently past useful life.

- **Announced funding to date:** To date, Minnesota has been allocated \$165.8 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, schools in Minnesota have been awarded \$1.6 million through the Environmental Protection Agency's Clean School Bus Program. In addition, communities in Minnesota were awarded \$13.9 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, Minnesota should expect to receive roughly \$68 million in formula funding over five years to support the expansion of electric vehicle charging in the state.

- **Announced funding to date:** Minnesota has been allocated \$24.6 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 \$104 million has been allocated to Minnesota for clean energy, energy efficiency, and power in 2022 and 2023. This includes:

- \$76.2 million for weatherization;
- \$7.7 million through the State Energy Program;
- \$7.1 million through the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program;
- \$12.7 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 U.S. become more economically competitive globally, creates good jobs, and revitalizes and supports more efficient and enhanced traveler experience.

- **Announced funding to date:** To date, Minnesota has received approximately \$156.1 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, Minnesota has received roughly \$37.7 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, Minnesota has experienced 18 extreme weather events, costing the state up to \$13 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 \$57.2 million has been allocated to Minnesota for infrastructure resilience in 2022 and 2023 including \$4.5 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 \$3 million has been allocated to cleaning up brownfield sites.

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

## **Minnesota Project Spotlights**

### ***INFRA Grant Program Project Spotlight***

#### ***I-90 Austin Bridges Improvement Project***

The Department of Transportation awarded \$25 million through the INFRA program to the Minnesota Department of Transportation for a project to reconstruct eight and rehabilitate two mainline bridges along I-90. The project includes ramp connection and traffic signal improvements associated with the bridges, construction of a network of ADA accessible multiuse sidewalks and trails, and replacement of stormwater infrastructure. This project brings together neighborhoods and is aligned with the state's climate action and equitable development plans and improves resiliency and disaster preparedness along the corridor. The interchange and traffic signal improvements also address the high number of left turn related crashes and queuing issues, improving safety and reducing congestion.

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

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

#### ***International Falls and Grand Portage Port Modernization***

The General Services Administration is investing a combined total of more than \$250 million in modernizing land ports of entry in International Falls and Grand Portage. These projects will strengthen our supply chains, create jobs, and enhance security and trade.

See [here](#) for the full list of land port improvement projects announced.

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

### ***St. Louis City Fire Adapted Communities***

The Department of Agriculture's Forest Service awarded \$890,925 to fire departments, lake & road associations, and township boards in the highest wildfire risk areas in St. Louis County to increase wildfire awareness, reduce fuels and provide opportunities to help their communities be more wildfire resilient. The resulting collaboration will yield twenty hazardous fuels mitigations project for a combined 225 acres over the next 5-year period.

See [here](#) for more information on the Community Wildfire Defense Grants.

## ***ReConnect Project Spotlight***

### ***Hubbard, Itasca & St. Louis counties***

The Department of Agriculture has awarded \$10 million to the Paul Bunyan Rural Telephone Cooperative to deploy a fiber-to-the-premises network in Minnesota. The network will connect 3,529 people, 71 businesses, 35 farms and two public schools to high-speed internet in Hubbard, Itasca and St. Louis counties.

See [here](#) for more information on the Reconnect Program.

## ***Airport Project Spotlight***

### ***Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport Terminal Rehabilitation***

The Federal Aviation Administration awarded \$31.3 million to the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport to replace the existing portions of the main Terminal 1 roof, which has reached the end of its useful life. The new roof will use energy efficient materials, including improved insulation. It will also decrease heating and cooling needs and in turn, reduce energy consumption. In addition, the replacement of electrical substations in the main terminal and passenger boarding bridges are included in this award.

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

## ***Clean Bus Project Spotlight***

### ***Expanding Clean Buses in Southwest Minneapolis***

The Department of Transportation awarded over \$8 million to SouthWest Transit, which serves the southwest Minneapolis cities of Chaska, Chanhassen and Eden Prairie, to buy battery electric buses and charging equipment to replace vehicles that have

exceeded their useful life. SWT has set a goal to switch over its express and microtransit fleets to electric vehicles over the next 20 years.

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

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

#### ***West Superior Street Active Transportation Corridor***

The Department of Transportation awarded \$25 million to the City of Duluth to reconstruct an approximately two-mile-long section of West Superior Street in Lincoln Park to include an integrated multimodal corridor, electric vehicle charging stations, green infrastructure, and above-ground streetscapes. The complete reconstruction will include replacing all underground utilities and adding fiber optics for a future broadband corridor. The project will reduce provide more transportation options with key infrastructure upgrades for non-motorized travelers and will connect residents at a 10-minute frequency to regional medical facilities, grocery, and schools.

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