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

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 Oregon. To date, \$2.6 billion in Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding has been announced and is headed to Oregon with over 265 specific projects identified for funding. Since the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law passed, approximately \$1.9 billion has been announced for transportation – to invest in roads, bridges, public transit, ports and airports – and roughly \$260 million has been announced for clean water. And, as of today, more than 176,000 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 Oregon – including rural communities and historically underserved populations – the law makes critical investments that will improve lives for Oregonians and position the state for success.

**Roads and Bridges:** In Oregon, there are 395 bridges and over 1,287 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, Oregon is expected to receive approximately \$3.7 billion over five years in federal funding for highways and bridges.

- **Announced funding to date:** To date, \$1.5 billion has been announced in Oregon for roads, bridges, roadway safety, and major projects. This includes:
  - \$1.4 billion in highway formula funding and \$115.4 million in dedicated formula funding for bridges in 2022 and 2023.
  - \$20.2 million through the RAISE program in 2022 and 2023.

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

**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 Oregonians do not have an internet subscription. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law invests \$65 billion to provide affordable, high-speed internet to every American. Oregon 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 671,000 households in Oregon 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, Oregon 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 176,000 households in Oregon 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, \$237 million has been announced to Oregon to provide clean and safe water across the state and improve water infrastructure. This includes:
  - \$210 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, \$66 million is dedicated to lead pipe and service line replacement, with another \$55.3 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, Oregon would expect to receive approximately \$796 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 Oregon, where non-white households are 1.8 times more likely to commute via public transportation and 22% 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, Oregon has been allocated \$151.5 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 Oregon have been awarded \$5.5 million through the Environmental Protection Agency's Clean School Bus Program. In addition, communities in Oregon were awarded \$4.7 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, Oregon should expect to receive roughly \$52 million in formula funding over five years to support the expansion of electric vehicle charging in the state.

- **Announced funding to date:** Oregon has been allocated \$18.9 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 \$64.8 million has been allocated to Oregon for clean energy, energy efficiency, and power in 2022 and 2023. This includes:
  - \$30.6 million for weatherization;

- \$5.7 million through the State Energy Program;
- \$5.8 million through the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program;
- \$21.8 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 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, Oregon has received approximately \$113.2 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, Oregon has received roughly \$124.3 million in 2022 and 2023 for ports and waterways. Oregon was awarded \$24.4 million for 1 port project 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, Oregon has experienced 16 extreme weather events, costing the state up to \$7 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 \$147.6 million has been allocated to Oregon for infrastructure resilience in 2022 and 2023 including \$28.4 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, \$31.7 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.

## **Oregon Project Spotlights**

### ***SMART Grant Project Spotlight***

#### **City of Portland**

The Department of Transportation awarded \$1,999,384 to use data and sensors to establish a zero-emissions delivery zone in Portland. This technology will be used to advance curb management and the Administration's goal of a zero-emission economy.

See [here](#) for full list of announced SMART Grant projects

### ***Wildfire Grant Project Spotlight***

#### **Douglas Electric Cooperative Fuels Treatments, Vegetation Management, and Other Mitigation**

The Department of Agriculture awarded \$9.1 million to reduce fuel buildup in high-risk wildfire areas, enhance the utility right-of-way's ability to function as fire breaks, and increase forest health. This project will help minimize the risk that Douglas Electric's transmission system is the origin or contributing source for the ignition of a fire. The Douglas Electric Cooperative service area covers 2200 square miles, and the project will be conducted along 1,275 miles of power lines.

See [here](#) for full list of announced Wildfire Grant projects

### ***Water Project Spotlight***

#### **Warm Springs Indian Reservation Water Treatment Plant**

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The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Health and Human Service's Indian Health Service awarded more than \$23 million to build a new water treatment plant at the Warm Springs Indian Reservation to ensure access to clean and safe drinking water for the 3,800 people in the community – nearly all the funding is the result of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

See [here](#) for the full list of EPA projects announced.

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

#### **Tillamook Bay & Bar Project**

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers awarded the Tillamook Bay & Bar project \$62 million to repair the south jetty at the Port of Garibaldi. Repairing the south jetty means improved safety for the Garibaldi fishermen and economic opportunity for the entire city of Garibaldi.

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

### ***Low- and No Emission Bus Grant Spotlight***

#### **Tri-County Metropolitan Transportation District of Oregon**

TriMet will receive funding to renovate and expand the Beaverton Transit Center to better support bus operations and planned service upgrades for the Portland region, including space to accommodate new electric buses.

See [here](#) for the full list of Low- and No- Emission Bus Grant recipients.

### ***Port Infrastructure Development Project Spotlight***

#### **Terminal 6 Infrastructure Improvements Project**

The Department of Transportation awarded \$24.3 million to fund improvements to Terminal 6 of the Port of Portland, including improving flexible cargo storage, adding a stormwater treatment system to reduce pollutants entering the Columbia River; replacing electrical components to reduce energy consumption, and installing emergency generators to provide backup power during seismic events or other power outages.

See [here](#) for the full list of Port Infrastructure Development Grant Awards.

## ***Airport Project Spotlight***

### **Portland International Airport Terminal Project**

The Federal Aviation Administration awarded \$24.4 million to Portland International Airport to replace heating and cooling equipment that is up to 50 years old. The new equipment will reduce carbon emissions and provide an estimated 83% reduction in energy demand to heat and cool the building.

See [here](#) for the full list of Federal Aviation Administration projects announced.

## ***Waterways Project Spotlight***

### **McNary Lock and Dam Project**

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers awarded \$22.7 million for work on McNary Lock and Dam, including replacing downstream gate gudgeon anchors, spillway hoists and gates, the acquisition and installation of a second derrick crane, dredging and surveys, rehabilitating levee drainage pump stations, upgrades to Hood Park's septic system and reconstruction of Third Street's Road at the lock and dam.

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

## ***Wildfire Grant Project Spotlight***

### **Curry County Soil and Water Conservation District, Gorse Fuels Treatment to Reduce Catastrophic Wildfire**

The Department of Agriculture awarded \$1.3 million to implement hazardous wildfire fuels reduction that has been prioritized in the Curry County Community Wildfire Protection Plan and the Curry County Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan. This grant will be used to treat the area and reduce the wildfire risk to multiple communities from an invasive species.

See [here](#) for full list of announced Wildfire Grant projects