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

As of November 2022

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 Wisconsin. To date, over \$2.7 billion in Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding has been announced and is headed to Wisconsin with 160 specific projects identified for funding. Since the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law passed, Wisconsin is set to receive more than \$2.4 billion for transportation to invest in roads, bridges, public transit, ports and airports and over \$150 million for clean water. And, as of today, more than 279,000 households across the state are receiving affordable 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 Wisconsin – including rural communities and historically underserved populations – the law makes critical investments that will improve lives for Wisconsinites and position the state for success.

**Roads and Bridges:** In Wisconsin, there are 979 bridges and over 1,949 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, Wisconsin is expected to receive approximately \$5.4 billion over five years in federal funding for highways and bridges.

- **Announced funding to date:** To date, \$2.2 billion has been announced in Wisconsin for roads, bridges, roadway safety, and major projects. This includes:
  - \$2.0 billion in highway formula funding and \$90 million in formula funding for bridges in 2022 and 2023.
  - \$31.3 million through the RAISE program and \$80 million through the INFRA program in Fiscal Year 2022.

**Internet:** High-speed internet is necessary for Americans to do their jobs, participate in school, access health care, and stay connected. Yet nearly 22% of Wisconsinites do not have an internet subscription. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law invests \$65 billion to provide affordable, high-speed internet to every American. Wisconsin 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 849,000 households in Wisconsin 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:** About 279,000 households in Wisconsin 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:** Currently, up to 10 million American households across the country connect to water through lead pipes and lack access to clean, safe drinking 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:** \$150 million has been announced to Wisconsin to provide clean and safe water across the state and improve water infrastructure. This includes:
  - \$142 million available in fiscal year 2022 to provide clean and safe water across the state through the Environmental Protection Agency. Of this funding, \$48 million is dedicated to lead pipe and service line replacement, with another \$31 million for safe drinking water investments that can also support lead pipe replacement in fiscal year 2022.

**Public Transit:** The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law makes the largest investment in public transit in U.S. history. Based on formula funding alone, Wisconsin would expect to receive more than \$400 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 Wisconsin, where non-White households are 5.9 times more likely to commute via public transportation and 37% of 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, Wisconsin has been allocated \$115 million to improve public transportation options across the state in fiscal year 2022.

**Clean Buses:** The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law 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, Wisconsin has been awarded \$25.8 million for the Environmental Protection Agency's Clean School Bus Program. In addition, communities in Wisconsin were awarded \$3.79 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, Wisconsin should expect to receive more than \$78 million in formula funding over five years to support the expansion of electric vehicle charging in the state.

- **Announced funding to date:** Wisconsin has been allocated \$28.4 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, and carbon capture, as well as a historic \$3.5 billion investment in weatherization to lower energy costs for families while improving energy efficiency of homes.

- **Announced funding to date:** \$109 million has been allocated to Wisconsin for clean energy, energy efficiency, and power in 2022. This includes:
  - \$95 million for weatherization;
  - \$7.9 million through the State Energy Program;

- \$6.1 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 enhances traveler experience.

- **Announced funding to date:** To date, Wisconsin has received more than \$42 million in 2022 for airports.

**Ports and Waterways:** Like airports, our ports and waterways are in need of repair and reimagination. 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, Wisconsin has received more than \$32 million in 2022 for ports and waterways. Wisconsin was recently awarded \$10.1 million 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, and floods, unprecedented power outages, and persistent droughts devastate our communities and threaten our infrastructure. In the last decade, Wisconsin has experienced 49 extreme weather events, costing the state up to \$20 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 \$70.9 million has been allocated to Wisconsin for infrastructure resilience in 2022 including \$9.2 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, \$6.5 million has been allocated to Wisconsin for 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.

## WISCONSIN PROJECT SPOTLIGHTS

### ***Restoration Project Spotlight***

#### **Great Lakes Restoration Initiative**

Overview: Through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, the EPA announced \$1 billion to clean-up and restore the Great Lakes' most environmentally degraded sites across Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin. This funding will secure clean water and a better environment for millions of Americans in the Great Lakes region.

See [here](#) for the full list of initiative projects and anticipated completion dates.

### ***Airport Project Spotlight***

#### **Dane County Regional Airport Terminal Expansion**

Overview: The Dane County Regional airport received a \$2.6 million grant from DOT's Federal Aviation Administration to resurface pavement, enhance public transit access and safety, and improve traffic efficiency.

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

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

#### **Fox River**

Overview: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers allocated \$3.4 million for Menasha Dam Abutment repairs to improve inland flood risk management and resilience.

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

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

#### **I-39/90/94 Wisconsin River Bridges Project**

Overview: Columbia County, Wisconsin will receive \$80 million from the Department of Transportation (DOT) to replace the existing I-39/90/94 Wisconsin River Bridge with two new bridge spans dedicated to serve traffic in opposite directions. Two overcrossing bridges for county roads (CTH U and CTH V), will also be replaced. If repair needs are not addressed now, there will likely be frequent and lengthy closures for future repairs and negative impacts on supply chains. The route links economic hubs in Madison, Milwaukee, and Chicago, and also connects major tourism destinations in the state.

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

### ***Low- or No- Emission Bus Grant Program Project Spotlight***

#### **City of Racine**

Overview: The City of Racine will receive \$3.8 million in funding from the Federal Transit Authority to replace diesel buses with battery electric buses. The project will improve air quality, address climate change, connect workers to jobs, and play a role in workforce training related to the growing clean-energy sector of the economy.

See [here](#) for the full list of 2022 Low- or No- Emission Grant recipients

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

#### **Port of Green Bay Site Development Project**

Overview: This \$10.1 million Federal Maritime Administration grant funds phase I of a plan to redevelop a former power plant site into a new port terminal. The project includes the following components: engineering; clearing and cleaning the existing brownfield site; construction of new dock walls and bulkheads; dredging; placement of fill behind dock wall and bulkheads; construction of stormwater collection and treatment facilities; installation of bollards and crane pads; asphalt resurfacing; new roads and utilities; truck scales; construction of an office building; and repair and extension of a rail spur with installation of three switches.

See [here](#) for the full list of 2022 Port Infrastructure Development Grant recipients

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

### **Gateways to Opportunity Project**

Overview: The \$13.5 million DOT grant will help fund the replacement of an existing two-lane structure over Springbrook Creek with a new four-lane structure with bicycle and pedestrian accommodations. The project will reconstruct and upgrade parts of Willowbrook Road, and create three multilane roundabouts as well as railroad crossing improvements on Colley Road. The project will improve long-term transit efficiency in the area, and create greater accessibility to essential, recreational, and tourist destinations. The project is the result of years of collaboration and partnership between the City of Beloit and the Ho-Chunk Nation.

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