

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act will Deliver for Puerto Rico

President Biden and Vice President Harris support the Senate’s passage of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, the largest long-term investment in our infrastructure and competitiveness in nearly a century. **The need for action in Puerto Rico is clear and recently released data demonstrates that the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act will deliver for Puerto Rico.** For decades, infrastructure in Puerto Rico has suffered from a systemic lack of investment. In fact, the American Society of Civil Engineers gave Puerto Rico a **D- grade** on its infrastructure report card. The historic Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act will make life better for millions of Puerto Rico residents, create a generation of good-paying union jobs and economic growth, and position the United States to win the 21st century. Specifically, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act will:

- **Repair and rebuild our roads and bridges with a focus on climate change mitigation, resilience, equity, and safety for all users, including cyclists and pedestrians.** In Puerto Rico there are 282 bridges and over 1,492 miles of highway in poor condition. The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act is the single largest dedicated bridge investment since the construction of the interstate highway system. **Puerto Rico would expect to receive \$900 million to rebuild roads and highways and \$225 million for bridge replacement and repairs under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act over five years.** Puerto Rico can also compete for the \$12.5 billion Bridge Investment Program for economically significant bridges and nearly \$16 billion of national funding in the bill dedicated for major projects that will deliver substantial economic benefits to communities.
- **Improve healthy, sustainable transportation options for millions of Americans.** Nearly 5% of transit vehicles on the island are past useful life. **Based on formula funding alone, Puerto Rico would expect to receive nearly \$456 million over five years under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act to improve public transportation options across the island¹.**
- **Build a network of EV chargers to facilitate long-distance travel and provide convenient charging options.** The U.S. market share of plug-in electric vehicle (EV) sales is only one-third the size of the Chinese EV market. The President believes that must change. The bill invests \$7.5 billion to build out the first-ever national network of EV chargers in the United States and is a critical element in the Biden-Harris Administration’s plan to accelerate the adoption of EVs to address the climate crisis and support domestic manufacturing jobs. **Under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, Puerto Rico would expect to receive \$13.6 million over five years to support the**

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.

expansion of an EV charging network on the island². Puerto Rico will also have the opportunity to apply for the \$2.5 billion in grant funding dedicated to EV charging in the bill.

- **Help connect every American to reliable high-speed internet.** Nearly 40% of Puerto Rican households do not have an internet subscription. Under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, Puerto Rico will receive a minimum allocation of \$100 million to help provide broadband coverage across the island. In addition, hundreds of thousands of Puerto Ricans will be eligible for the Affordability Connectivity Benefit, which will help low-income families afford internet access.
- **Prepare more of our infrastructure for the impacts of climate change, cyber-attacks, and extreme weather events.** From 2010 to 2020, Puerto Rico has experienced several extreme weather events, costing the Commonwealth tens of billions of dollars in damages. Under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, based on historical formula funding levels, Puerto Rico will expect to receive \$2 million over five years to protect against wildfires and \$12 million to protect against cyberattacks. Puerto Ricans will also benefit from the bill's historic \$3.5 billion national investment in weatherization which will reduce energy costs for families.
- **Deliver clean drinking water to every American and eliminate the nation's lead service lines and pipes.** Currently, up to 10 million American households and 400,000 schools and child care centers lack safe drinking water. Under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, based on the traditional revolving fund formula, Puerto Rico will expect to receive \$455 million over five years to improve water infrastructure across the Commonwealth and ensure that clean, safe drinking water is a right in all communities.
- **Improve our nation's airports.** The United States built modern aviation, but our airports lag far behind our competitors. Under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, airports in Puerto Rico would receive approximately \$102 million for infrastructure development for airports over five years³.

² These values are estimates and may change based on updated factor data each fiscal year.

³ Precise allocations would change each year because the formulas use current passenger boarding and cargo data, and this estimate is based on 2019 data.

Over the coming days and weeks, we will expect to receive additional data on the impact of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act in Puerto Rico.