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

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 Alabama. To date, almost \$2.9 billion in Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding has been announced and is headed to Alabama with over 90 specific projects identified for funding. Since the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law passed, Alabama is set to receive more than \$2.5 billion for transportation to invest in roads, bridges, public transit, ports and airports and over \$137 million for clean water. And, as of today, more than 280,000 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 Alabama – including rural communities and historically underserved populations – the law makes critical investments that will improve lives for Alabamians and position the state for success.

**Roads and Bridges:** In Alabama, there are 620 bridges and over 2,961 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, Alabama is expected to receive approximately \$5.8 billion over five years in federal funding for highways and bridges.

- **Announced funding to date:** To date, \$2.3 billion has been announced in Alabama for roads, bridges, roadway safety, and major projects. This includes:
  - \$2.2 billion in highway formula funding and \$90 million in dedicated formula funding for bridges in 2022 and 2023.
  - \$27.2 million through the RAISE 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 32% of Alabamians do not have an internet subscription. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law invests \$65 billion to provide affordable, high-speed internet to every American. Alabama 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 Alabama 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, over 280,000 households in Alabama 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:** To date, \$137 million has been announced to Alabama to provide clean and safe water across the state and improve water infrastructure. This includes:
  - \$137 million available in fiscal year 2022 to provide clean and safe water across the state through the Environmental Protection Agency. Of this funding, \$61.1 million is dedicated to lead pipe and service line replacement, with another \$38.8 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, Alabama 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 Alabama, where non-white households are 4.5 times more likely to commute via public transportation and 27% 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, Alabama has been allocated \$76.4 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, Alabama has been awarded \$20.5 million for the Environmental Protection Agency's Clean School Bus Program. In addition, communities in Alabama were awarded \$21.5 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, Alabama should expect to receive more than \$79 million in formula funding over five years to support the expansion of electric vehicle charging in the state.

- **Announced funding to date:** Alabama has been allocated \$28.6 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 \$61.7 million has been allocated to Alabama for clean energy, energy efficiency, and power in 2022. This includes:
  - \$47.5 million for weatherization;

- \$7.4 million through the State Energy Program;
- \$6.8 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 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, Alabama has received more than \$39.5 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, Alabama has received more than \$78.7 million in 2022 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, Alabama has experienced 42 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 \$84.6 million has been allocated to Alabama for infrastructure resilience in 2022.

**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, almost \$46 million has been allocated to Alabama in 2022 for capping orphaned oil and gas wells and reclaiming abandoned mine lands.

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

## ALABAMA PROJECT SPOTLIGHTS

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

#### **Mobile Harbor**

Overview: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers awarded \$32 million to the Port of Mobile to restore the harbor's capacity and re-build a placement area.

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

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

#### **Huntsville International Airport Terminal Expansion**

Overview: The Huntsville International airport received a \$10 million grant from the Federal Aviation Administration for a terminal expansion project to add more escalators and elevators and increase the capacity of the airport. This project will improve the experience of travelers, reduce delays, and increase accessibility of the airport for families and people with disabilities.

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

### **Clean School Buses Program Spotlight**

The Tuscumbia City School District received \$395,000 in BIL funding from EPA's program for acquiring low- and zero-emission school buses. The clean school buses will reduce exposure of harmful greenhouse gas emissions, to students, drivers, and members of the community. Clean school buses are not only cleaner and quieter, they also lower maintenance costs due to the lack of required engine or exhaust system maintenance.

See [here](#) for more information on the Clean School Bus program that was announced earlier this year.

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

#### **Pine Barren Watershed**

Overview: The Department of Agriculture awarded \$19 million to Atmore, Alabama to reduce the impact of flooding through the Pine Barren Watershed project through the Natural Resources and Conservation Service.

See [here](#) for the full list of Natural Resources and Conservation Service projects announced earlier this year.

### ***Road and Bridges Project Spotlight***

#### **Shoals Area Railroad Overpass in Colbert County – RAISE program**

Overview: The U.S. Department of Transportation has allocated \$2 million to The Northwest Alabama Council of Local Governments through the Rebuilding America Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity program (RAISE). This planning project will produce the corridor study and design for the at-grade crossing at the Norfolk Southern Railroad near Montgomery Avenue in Sheffield. The current at-grade crossing causes collisions, delays for emergency responders, challenges to active transportation, and barriers to freight movement, all of which will be improved with the overpass. The corridor study will also address accessibility to high quality, high paying jobs, such as those at the new local Toyota/ Mazda factory.

See [here](#) for information on RAISE projects that were announced earlier this year.

### ***Roads and Bridges Project Spotlight***

#### **Pedestrian Access and Redevelopment Corridor (PARC)**

Overview: The U.S. Department of Transportation has allocated \$20 million to the City of Huntsville through the Rebuilding America Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity program (RAISE). This project will design and construct multimodal improvements for bicyclists and pedestrians on approximately 1.2 miles of the PARC, linking downtown Huntsville to neighborhoods that are physically isolated by major roadways and the Pinhook Creek. In reducing barriers for disadvantaged neighborhoods, the project will provide more transportation options to employment, recreational opportunities, while reducing emissions and improving safety. Community members have been engaged in the design process.

See [here](#) for information on RAISE projects that were announced earlier this year.