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

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 Kansas. To date, approximately \$1.5 billion in Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding has been announced and is headed to Kansas with over 115 specific projects identified for funding. Since the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law passed, Kansas is set to receive more than \$1.2 billion for transportation to invest in roads, bridges, public transit, ports and airports and over \$93 million for clean water. And, as of today, more than 78,000 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 Kansas – including rural communities and historically underserved populations – the law makes critical investments that will improve lives for Kansans and position the state for success.

**Roads and Bridges:** In Kansas there are 1,321 bridges and over 1,995 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, Kansas is expected to receive approximately \$2.8 billion over five years in federal funding for highways and bridges.

- **Announced funding to date:** To date, over \$1.1 billion has been announced in Kansas for roads, bridges, roadway safety, and major projects. This includes:
  - \$1 billion in highway formula funding and \$90 million in dedicated formula funding for bridges in 2022 and 2023.
  - \$47 million through the RAISE program.

**Internet:** High-speed internet is necessary for Americans to do their jobs, participate in school, access health care, and stay connected. Yet nearly 23% of Kansans do not have an internet subscription. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law invests \$65 billion to provide affordable, high-speed internet to every American. Kansas 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 412,000 households in Kansas 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 78,000 households in Kansas 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, \$80 million has been announced to Kansas to provide clean and safe water across the state and improve water infrastructure. This includes:
  - \$80 million available in fiscal year 2022 to provide clean and safe water across the state through the Environmental Protection Agency. Of this funding, \$33 million is dedicated to lead pipe and service line replacement, with another \$21 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, Kansas would expect to receive \$259 million over five years under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to improve public transportation options across the state.<sup>1</sup> This funding will expand healthy, sustainable transportation options in Kansas, where non-white households are 3 times more likely to commute via public transportation and 16% 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, Kansas has been allocated \$49 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, Kansas has been awarded \$6.6 million for the Environmental Protection Agency's Clean School Bus Program. In addition, communities in Kansas were awarded \$7.2 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, Kansas should expect to receive more than \$39 million in formula funding over five years to support the expansion of electric vehicle charging in the state.

- **Announced funding to date:** Kansas has been allocated \$14.3 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 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 \$44.3 million has been allocated to Kansas for clean energy, energy efficiency, and power in 2022. This includes:
  - \$32 million for weatherization;
  - \$5.4 million through the State Energy Program;

- \$6.9 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, Kansas has received more than \$28 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, Kansas has received more than \$23 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, Kansas has experienced 39 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 \$61 million has been allocated to Kansas for infrastructure resilience in 2022 including \$32 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, more than \$38 million has been allocated to Kansas in 2022 for capping orphaned oil and gas wells and reclaiming abandoned mine lands and \$500,000 has been allocated to 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.

## KANSAS PROJECT SPOTLIGHTS

### ***Natural Resources Project Spotlight***

#### **Tuttle Creek Lake Repair**

Overview: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will invest \$13.9 million to make repairs at Tuttle Creek Lake, a reservoir and recreation area, to maintain the reservoir, support economic growth, and improve the ecosystem.

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

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

#### **Philip Billard Municipal Airport in Topeka**

Overview: The Federal Aviation Administration awarded \$3.8 million for improvements to the Philip Billard Municipal Airport in Topeka. The project will replace a general aviation terminal building that was originally constructed in the 1950s and is in poor condition, improving the experience for passengers.

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

### ***Environmental Remediation Project Spotlight***

#### **Cleaning Up Cherokee County Superfund Site**

Overview: The Environmental Protection Agency made a \$1 billion investment from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to clear the backlog of 49 unfunded Superfund sites – hazardous waste sites that had been identified but had no funding for cleanup – and accelerate cleanup at dozens of other sites across the country. This includes additional investments in cleaning up the Cherokee County Superfund site, a former mining area in southeast Kansas that contaminated groundwater with lead, zinc, and cadmium.

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

#### **Upper Turkey Creek**

Overview: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has invested \$23.9 million to address flooding in Merriam, Kansas. The project will reduce riverine flooding in the community and support economic development.

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

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

#### **City of Wichita Clean Buses**

Overview: Wichita Transit will receive nearly \$4 million from the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) to buy battery electric buses and chargers to replace aging diesel buses and move closer to the agency's goal of operating an entirely electric fleet by 2032. The new buses will improve access and mobility for vulnerable populations in Wichita while reducing exposure to harmful transportation-related emissions.

Click [here](#) for a full list of 2022 Low- or No- Emission Bus Grant recipients

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

#### **Flint Hills Trail: Connecting Communities, Cultures, and Landscapes**

Overview: Almost \$25 million from DOT's RAISE grant will help construct 40-miles of the Flint Hills Trail in Kansas, nearly finishing this 118-mile linear park "rail trail." The trail will offer an alternative to driving and provide outdoor recreation opportunities in a fragmented rural area. The project will boost recreation and nature tourism, as evidenced by the opening of ten new businesses related to the trail in the past three years. Planning efforts considered community input through workshops, and the trail will use inclusive interpretative signage and storytelling strategies that portray history and respect the Kaw Nation.

Click [here](#) for a full list of 2022 RAISE Grant recipients.