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

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 Louisiana. To date, \$4 billion in Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding has been announced and is headed to Louisiana with over 120 specific projects identified for funding. Since the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law passed, Louisiana is set to receive more than \$3.1 billion for transportation to invest in roads, bridges, public transit, ports and airports and over \$101 for clean water. And, as of today, more than 341,000 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 Louisiana – including rural communities and historically underserved populations – the law makes critical investments that will improve lives for Louisianans and position the state for success.

**Roads and Bridges:** In Louisiana, there are 1,634 bridges and over 3,411 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, Louisiana is expected to receive approximately \$5.9 billion over five years in federal funding for highways and bridges.

- **Announced funding to date:** To date, \$2.4 billion has been announced in Louisiana for roads, bridges, roadway safety, and major projects. This includes:
  - Nearly \$1.9 billion in highway formula funding and \$438 million in dedicated formula funding for bridges in 2022 and 2023.
  - \$63 million through the RAISE program and \$60 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 30% of Louisianans do not have an internet subscription. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law invests \$65 billion to provide affordable, high-speed internet to every American. Louisiana 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 869,000 households in Louisiana 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, Louisiana has received \$2.9 million through the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program (BEAD) and the State Digital Equity Planning Grant Program to help provide access to high-speed internet across the state. In addition, about 341,000 households in Louisiana 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, \$101 million has been announced to Louisiana to provide clean and safe water across the state and improve water infrastructure. This includes:
  - \$101 million available in fiscal year 2022 to provide clean and safe water across the state through the Environmental Protection Agency. Of this funding, \$42 million is dedicated to lead pipe and service line replacement, with another \$27 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, Louisiana would expect to receive more than \$479 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 Louisiana, where non-white households are 4.3 times more

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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.

likely to commute via public transportation and 24% of transit vehicles in the state are currently past useful life.

- **Announced funding to date:** To date, Louisiana has been allocated \$91 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, Louisiana has been awarded \$43.8 million for the Environmental Protection Agency's Clean School Bus Program. In addition, communities in Louisiana were awarded \$6.9 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, Louisiana should expect to receive more than \$73 million in formula funding over five years to support the expansion of electric vehicle charging in the state.

- **Announced funding to date:** Louisiana has been allocated \$26.5 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 \$370 million has been allocated to Louisiana for clean energy, energy efficiency, and power in 2022. This includes:

- \$31 million for weatherization;
- \$10.5 million through the State Energy Program;
- \$8.5 million to prevent outages and make the power grid more resilient. Additional grid funding will be made available in the coming months; and
- \$320 million in awards to 2 companies in Louisiana to help strengthen the battery supply chain.

**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, Louisiana has received more than \$43 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, Louisiana has received more than \$545 million in 2022 for ports and waterways. Louisiana was recently awarded \$10 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, floods, unprecedented power outages, and persistent droughts devastate our communities and threaten our infrastructure. In the last decade, Louisiana has experienced 36 extreme weather events, costing the state up to \$200 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 \$367 million has been allocated to Louisiana for infrastructure resilience in 2022 including \$15 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 \$47 million has been allocated to Louisiana in 2022 for capping orphaned oil and gas wells and reclaiming abandoned mine lands and \$5 million 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.

## LOUISIANA PROJECT SPOTLIGHTS

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

#### **Jefferson Parish Funding for Clean Buses**

Overview: Jefferson Parish will receive almost \$7 million to buy hybrid electric buses to replace diesel buses that have reached their useful life. The project will reduce emissions and maintenance costs while improving service reliability for New Orleans area riders.

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

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

#### **Western Dock Expansion – PIDP program**

Overview: The U.S. Department of Transportation has allocated \$10 million towards a project that funds the expansion of the Port of Morgan City's dock by adding concrete laydown and building an additional wharf-relieving platform structure to support a wharf extension.

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

### ***Clean Energy and Power Spotlight***

#### **Expansion of Battery Material Facility in Vidalia**

Overview: Approximately \$220 million has been allocated to Syrah's Vidalia, LA facility is a U.S.-based integrated milling, purification, coating, and surface treatment operation producing on-specification active anode material (AAM). AAM is critical in batteries and expansion of the facility will provide significant, localized AAM supply, materially reducing the USA's dependency on, and cost vulnerabilities of, imported AAM supply,

The expansion funded by this award will quadruple the production capacity of the Vidalia facility and will add 120 jobs in rural Vidalia, Louisiana.

See [here](#) for the full list of 2022 Battery Materials Processing grant recipients.

### ***Road Project Spotlight***

#### **Shreveport Healthcare and Development Corridor – RAISE program**

Overview: This project will fund construction of roadway and intersection improvements on the approximately 1.6 mile health care corridor at the nexus of I-49 and I-20 in Shreveport. The project includes reconstructing roadways and transit bus pull-outs, implementing bus rapid transit with electric bus technology and making improvements to traffic signals, emergency vehicle preemption signaling, street lights, and ADA accessibility. It also provides improvements for alternative transportation methods including a pedestrian bridge and protected bicycle lanes. This project increases accessibility and availability of connections between zero-fare fixed transit routes that help people access health care facilities and other critical infrastructure.

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