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

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 Mississippi. To date, over \$2.1 billion in Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding has been announced and is headed to Mississippi with 140 specific projects identified for funding. Since the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law passed, Mississippi is set to receive more than \$1.5 billion for transportation to invest in roads, bridges, public transit, ports and airports and over \$74 million for clean water. And, as of today, more than 165,000 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 Mississippi – including rural communities and historically underserved populations – the law makes critical investments that will improve lives for the people of Mississippi and position the state for success.

**Roads and Bridges:** In Mississippi, there are 1,386 bridges and over 5,840 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, Mississippi is expected to receive approximately \$3.5 billion over five years in federal funding for highways and bridges.

- **Announced funding to date:** To date, \$1.4 billion has been announced in Mississippi for roads, bridges, roadway safety, and major projects. This includes:
  - \$1.3 billion in highway formula funding and \$90 million in formula funding for bridges in 2022 and 2023.
  - \$15.5 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 39% of Mississippi residents do not have an internet subscription. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law invests \$65 billion to provide affordable, high-speed internet to every American. Mississippi 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 572,000 households in Mississippi 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 165,000 households in Mississippi 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:** \$74.9 million has been announced to Mississippi to provide clean and safe water across the state and improve water infrastructure. This includes:
  - \$74.9 million available in fiscal year 2022 to provide clean and safe water across the state through the Environmental Protection Agency. Of this funding, \$30.5 million is dedicated to lead pipe and service line replacement, with another \$19.4 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, Mississippi would expect to receive more than \$210 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 Mississippi, where non-white households are 2.9

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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.

times more likely to commute via public transportation and 46% of transit vehicles in the state are currently past useful life.

- **Announced funding to date:** To date, Mississippi has been allocated \$42 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, Mississippi has been awarded \$36.4 million for the Environmental Protection Agency's Clean School Bus Program. In addition, communities in Mississippi were awarded \$8.7 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, Mississippi should expect to receive more than \$50 million in formula funding over five years to support the expansion of electric vehicle charging in the state.

- **Announced funding to date:** Mississippi has been allocated \$18.3 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:** \$47.2 million has been allocated to Mississippi for clean energy, energy efficiency, and power in 2022. This includes:

- \$28.1 million for weatherization;
- \$5.5 million through the State Energy Program;
- \$6.6 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, Mississippi has received more than \$31 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, Mississippi has received more than \$37 million in 2022 for ports and waterways. Mississippi was recently awarded \$6.1 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, floods, unprecedented power outages, and persistent droughts devastate our communities and threaten our infrastructure. In the last decade, Mississippi has experienced 37 extreme weather events, costing the state up to \$10 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 \$445 million has been allocated to Mississippi for infrastructure resilience in 2022 including \$225 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 \$6.8 million has been allocated to Mississippi in 2022 for capping orphaned oil and gas wells and reclaiming abandoned mine lands and \$2.9 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.

## MISSISSIPPI PROJECT SPOTLIGHTS

### ***Ports and Waterways Project Spotlight***

#### **Yazoo Basin Improvements**

Overview: The Army Corps of Engineers will invest \$6 million for the design and construction of a mechanical trash rack system in the Yazoo Basin, near Yazoo City. This will reduce and remove potentially damaging river debris.

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

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

#### **Golden Triangle Regional Airport Terminal Expansion**

Overview: With an \$11 million investment from the FAA, this project will renovate the existing terminal to provide jet bridge access and capability that is compatible with the larger aircraft replacing smaller regional jets. The project will increase terminal capacity, replace equipment that is no longer compatible with the aircraft serving the airport, improve ADA accessibility, and promote competition.

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

### ***Low- and No Emission Bus Grant Spotlight***

#### **City of Jackson**

Overview: The City of Jackson's JTRAN transit agency will receive funding to buy hybrid electric buses to support implementation of the new bus network. The project will reduce maintenance costs, improve service reliability and enhance access and mobility for Jackson residents.

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

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

#### **Yazoo City Main Street Revitalization Project**

Overview: The project has three components: construction of a train station, development of a stormwater park to capture and absorb excessive stormwater and flooding, and “complete streets” redevelopment that will include bike lanes, sidewalks, lighting, broadband infrastructure, and stormwater management. The project will increase transportation options, will address safety concerns, and will increase accessibility for travelers by providing active, alternative transportation options to reach the downtown area and other essential destinations.

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

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

#### **Project Steel Wheel - Columbus Dock Expansion**

Overview: The Project includes design, engineering, construction, and inspection of a new rail spur with approximately 10,000 linear feet of track and three transload docks that will provide direct rail access for transloading cargo between barges and railcars at the Lowndes County West Bank Port. The port does not currently have direct rail access and the new rail spur will connect the port terminal to an existing railroad line operated by Kansas City Southern.

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

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

#### **Mississippi Coastal Improvement Plan**

Overview: The Army Corps of Engineers will invest \$77 million to restore the Mississippi barrier islands. This project will increase resilience to storms, prevent saltwater intrusion and shoreline erosion, and bolster tourism.

See [here](#) for the full list of Army Corps of Engineers Civil Works Budget items.

