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President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is Delivering in New Mexico

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 New Mexico. To date, \$2.2 billion in Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding has been announced and is headed to New Mexico with over 180 specific projects identified for funding. Since the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law passed, New Mexico is set to receive more than \$1.2 billion for transportation to invest in roads, bridges, public transit, ports and airports and over \$434 million for clean water. And, as of today, more than 142,000 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 New Mexico – including rural communities and historically underserved populations – the law makes critical investments that will improve lives for New Mexicans and position the state for success.

Roads and Bridges: In New Mexico there are 207 bridges and over 3,822 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, New Mexico is expected to receive approximately \$2.8 billion over five years in federal funding for highways and bridges.

- **Announced funding to date:** To date, \$1.1 billion has been announced in New Mexico for roads, bridges, roadway safety, and major projects. This includes:
 - \$983 million in highway formula funding and \$90 million in formula funding for bridges in 2022 and 2023.
 - \$12.6 million through the RAISE program and \$45 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 1 in 3 New Mexicans do not have an internet subscription. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law invests \$65 billion to provide affordable, high-speed internet to every American. New Mexico 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 397,000 households in New Mexico 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 142,000 in New Mexico 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:** \$311 million has been announced to New Mexico to provide clean and safe water across the state and improve water infrastructure. This includes:
 - \$63 million available in fiscal year 2022 to provide clean and safe water across the state through the Environmental Protection Agency. Of this funding, \$28.4 million is dedicated to lead pipe and service line replacement, with another \$18 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, New Mexico would expect to receive about \$379 million over five years under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to improve public transportation options across the state.¹This funding will expand healthy, sustainable transportation options in New Mexico, where non-White households are more likely to commute via public transportation and 27% of transit vehicles in the state are currently past useful life.

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.

- **Announced funding to date:** To date, New Mexico has been allocated \$73.5 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, New Mexico has been awarded \$4.6 million for the Environmental Protection Agency's Clean School Bus Program. In addition, communities in New Mexico were awarded \$13.5 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, New Mexico should expect to receive more than \$38 million in formula funding over five years to support the expansion of electric vehicle charging in the state.

- **Announced funding to date:** New Mexico has been allocated \$13.9 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 lower energy costs for families while improving energy efficiency of homes.

- \$36.1 million has been allocated to New Mexico for clean energy, energy efficiency, and power in 2022. This includes:
 - \$22.1 million for weatherization;
 - \$4.4 million through the State Energy Program;

- \$9.6 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, New Mexico has received more than \$24 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, New Mexico has received more than \$1 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, and floods, unprecedented power outages, and persistent droughts devastate our communities and threaten our infrastructure. In the last decade, New Mexico has experienced 15 extreme weather events, costing the state up to \$2 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 \$241 million has been allocated to New Mexico for infrastructure resilience in 2022 including \$18.7 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 \$46 million has been allocated to New Mexico in 2022 for capping orphaned oil and gas wells and reclaiming abandoned mine lands and \$3.9 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.

NEW MEXICO PROJECT SPOTLIGHTS

Ports Project Spotlight

Abiquiu Dam Repairs

Overview: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will be allocating \$300,000 to replace deteriorated air vent pipes in the Abiquiu Dam gate chamber in Gallina, NM. The dam is a key structure for flood control, irrigation and municipal water storage, and hydroelectric generation.

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

Airport Project Spotlight

Albuquerque Sunport (ABQ)

Overview: The Albuquerque International Sunport received a \$7 million grant from DOT's Federal Aviation Administration for a project to increase efficiency for new mechanical, electric and lighting systems and enhance accessibility for those with access needs.

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

Resilience Project Spotlight

Eastern New Mexico Rural Water System Pipeline

Overview: The Department of Interior awarded a first installment of \$160 million in funding to support the completion of the Eastern New Mexico Rural Water System pipeline. The project will distribute water from the Ute Reservoir to Clovis, Portales, Cannon Air Force Base, Texico, and Elida.

See [here](#) for the full list of rural water projects announced earlier this year.

RAISE Grant Program Project Spotlight

Albuquerque Rail Trail

Overview: The project will construct an approximately one-mile long urban trail through the heart of Downtown Albuquerque. Project Benefits: The project will provide a physical separation between bicyclists and cars which will help reduce collisions. The project will also provide more transportation options and decrease vehicle miles traveled. The project will improve accessibility for an underserved community by connecting to existing bicycle infrastructure and transportation alternatives.

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

Low- and No Emission Bus Grant Spotlight

The City of Las Cruces

Overview: The City of Las Cruces will receive funding to replace aging diesel buses with battery-electric buses, purchase electric chargers, and create and maintain well-paying jobs in the second-largest city in New Mexico and the main transit hub of the south-central region of the state. This will help reduce greenhouse-gas emissions by an estimated 887 metric tons per year.

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

INFRA Grant Program Project Spotlight

Border Highway Connector Project

Overview:

This project develops an approximately six-mile, four-lane, directionally-separated highway connecting the Santa Teresa Port of Entry (STPoE) with State Road 273 in Sunland Park.

Increasing levels of commercial freight crossings at STPoE are leading to congestion that is negatively impacting local roads. The project will reduce congestion and facilitate the movement of goods by providing a direct route that will reduce the miles traveled and associated travel time, particularly for trucks traveling between the STPoE, Interstate 10 in El Paso, and the nearby Union Pacific Intermodal Facility.

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