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

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 Oklahoma. To date, \$2.5 billion in Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding has been announced and is headed to Oklahoma with over 170 specific projects identified for funding. Since the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law passed, Oklahoma is set to receive more than \$2.1 billion for transportation to invest in roads, bridges, public transit, ports and airports and over \$118 million for clean water. And, as of today, more than 219,000 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 Oklahoma – including rural communities and historically underserved populations – the law makes critical investments that will improve lives for Oklahomans and position the state for success.

**Roads and Bridges:** In Oklahoma, there are 2,326 bridges and over 1,004 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, Oklahoma is expected to receive approximately \$4.7 billion over five years in federal funding for highways and bridges.

- **Announced funding to date:** To date, over \$1.8 billion has been announced in Oklahoma for roads, bridges, roadway safety, and major projects. This includes:
  - \$1.7 billion in highway formula funding and \$115 million in formula funding for bridges in 2022 and 2023.
  - \$48.7 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 30% of Oklahomans do not have an internet subscription. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law invests \$65 billion to provide affordable, high-speed internet to every American. Oklahomans 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 662,000 households in Oklahoma 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 219,000 households in Oklahoma 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:** \$116 million has been announced to Oklahoma to provide clean and safe water across the state and improve water infrastructure. This includes:
  - \$91.5 million available in fiscal year 2022 to provide clean and safe water across the state through the Environmental Protection Agency. Of this funding, \$40 million is dedicated to lead pipe and service line replacement, with another \$25.5 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, Oklahoma would expect to receive more than \$352 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 Oklahoma, where non-White households are 2.2 times more likely to commute via public transportation and 31% 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, Oklahoma has been allocated \$66.8 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, Oklahoma has been awarded \$29.2 million for the Environmental Protection Agency's Clean School Bus Program. In addition, communities in Oklahoma were awarded \$19.1 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, Oklahoma should expect to receive more than \$66 million in formula funding over five years to support the expansion of electric vehicle charging in the state.

- **Announced funding to date:** Oklahoma has been allocated \$24 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.

- **Announced funding to date:** \$66 million has been allocated to Oklahoma for clean energy, energy efficiency, and power in 2022. This includes:
  - \$42 million for weatherization;
  - \$6.6 million through the State Energy Program;

- \$17.5 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, Oklahoma 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, Oklahoma has received more than \$130 million in 2022 for ports and waterways. Oklahoma was recently awarded \$24 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, and floods, unprecedented power outages, and persistent droughts devastate our communities and threaten our infrastructure. In the last decade, Oklahoma has experienced 45 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 \$90 million has been allocated to Oklahoma for infrastructure resilience in 2022 including \$41 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 \$81 million has been allocated to Oklahoma in 2022 for capping orphaned oil and gas wells and reclaiming abandoned mine lands and \$9.8 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.

## OKLAHOMA PROJECT SPOTLIGHTS

### ***Waterways Project Spotlight***

#### **McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System Project**

Overview: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers awarded \$28 million to continue and accelerate critical maintenance work on locks and dams along the McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System (MKARNS).

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

### ***Water Project Spotlight***

#### **Norman Utilities Authority Advanced Metering Project**

Overview: The Department of Interior awarded \$2 million to the city of Norman to update the city's meters, communications networks and software, which wirelessly deliver water usage information and service alerts directly to Norman Utilities Authority.

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

### ***Public Transportation Project Spotlight***

#### **Low or No Emission Bus program**

Overview: The U.S. Department of Transportation awarded Central Oklahoma Transportation and Parking Authority (COTPA), dba EMBARK \$6.7 to replace diesel buses that have exceeded their useful life with compressed natural gas buses to improve fixed-route and paratransit services in Oklahoma City.

See [here](#) for more information on Low or No Emission Bus programs that were announced earlier this year.

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

#### **Tulsa-Jenks Multi-Modal Safety Project – RAISE program**

Overview: The U.S. Department of Transportation awarded Oklahoma \$ 16.2 million for a project that will provide a multimodal trail system that separates bicycles and pedestrians from motorized traffic along the east and west banks of the Arkansas River. The project will complete sidewalk gaps and improve signals at intersections.

The project will improve safety by separating non-motorized and motorized traffic. The project includes several sustainable practices such as low-impact development to protect water resources, implementation of EV charging station at four project area locations, and land buffer along the river to reduce erosion. The project will increase accessibility and remove transportation barriers in the current, inadequate pedestrian infrastructure.

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

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

#### **Muskogee Waterfront Recovery & Resiliency Project**

Overview: The U.S. Department of Transportation awarded the Port of Muskogee approximately \$24 million through the Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP). The funding will support a project that consists of four components at the Port of Muskogee on the McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System: 1) reconstruction of the main dock at Oakley Terminal; 2) construction of a new heavy-lift dock; 3) reconstruction of on-dock rail; and 4) construction of a new flexible-use warehouse.

See [here](#) for information on PIDP project awards that were announced earlier this year.