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

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 Tennessee. To date, over \$3.6 billion in Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding has been announced and is headed to Tennessee with over 115 specific projects identified for funding. Since the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law passed, Tennessee is set to receive more than \$2.8 billion for transportation to invest in roads, bridges, public transit, ports and airports and over \$120 million for clean water. And, as of today, more than 297,000 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 Tennessee – including rural communities and historically underserved populations – the law makes critical investments that will improve lives for Tennesseans and position the state for success.

**Roads and Bridges:** In Tennessee there are 881 bridges and over 270 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, Tennessee is expected to receive approximately \$6.3 billion over five years in federal funding for highways and bridges.

- **Announced funding to date:** To date, \$2.5 billion has been announced in Tennessee for roads, bridges, roadway safety, and major projects. This includes:
  - \$2.3 billion in highway formula funding and \$161 million in formula funding for bridges in 2022 and 2023.
  - \$63.1 million through the RAISE program and \$22.6 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 26% of Tennesseans do not have an internet subscription. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law invests \$65 billion to provide affordable, high-speed internet to every American. Tennessee 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 1,131,000 households in Tennessee 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 297,000 households in Tennessee 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:** \$121 million has been announced to Tennessee to provide clean and safe water across the state and improve water infrastructure. This includes:
  - \$121 million available in fiscal year 2022 to provide clean and safe water across the state through the Environmental Protection Agency. Of this funding, \$49 million is dedicated to lead pipe and service line replacement, with another \$31 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, Tennessee would expect to receive more than \$651 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 Tennessee, where non-White households are 5.6 times more likely to commute via public transportation and 23% 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, Tennessee has been allocated \$124 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, Tennessee has been awarded \$16.8 million for the Environmental Protection Agency's Clean School Bus Program. In addition, communities in Tennessee were awarded \$88.4 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, Tennessee should expect to receive more than \$88 million in formula funding over five years to support the expansion of electric vehicle charging in the state.

- **Announced funding to date:** Tennessee has been allocated \$31.9 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.

- **Announced funding to date:** To date, approximately \$57 million has been allocated to Tennessee for clean energy, energy efficiency, and power in 2022. This includes:
  - \$66.3 million for weatherization;
  - \$8.5 million through the State Energy Program;

- \$7.6 million to prevent outages and make the power grid more resilient. Additional grid funding will be made available in the coming months; and
- \$491.6 million in awards to 3 companies in Tennessee 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, Tennessee has received \$64 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, Tennessee has received \$15 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, Tennessee has experienced 40 extreme weather events, costing the state up to \$20 billion in damages. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law makes a \$50 billion 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 \$87.5 million has been allocated to Tennessee for infrastructure resilience in 2022 including \$22.1 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 \$8.6 million has been allocated to Tennessee in 2022 for reclaiming abandoned mine lands and \$4.4 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.

## TENNESSEE PROJECT SPOTLIGHTS

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

#### **Tennessee River**

Overview: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers awarded about \$4.3 million to the Tennessee River to replace water lines, and design and rehabilitate the motor.

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

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

#### **Chattanooga Metropolitan Airport Terminal Expansion**

Overview: The Chattanooga Metropolitan airport received a \$5 million grant from DOT's Federal Aviation Administration for a terminal expansion project to add more gates and restrooms and increase the capacity of the airport. This project will improve the experience of travelers, reduce delays, and increase accessibility of the airport for families and people with disabilities.

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

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

#### **McNairy Cypress Watershed**

Overview: The Department of Agriculture awarded \$1.5 million to McNairy County, Tennessee to reduce the impact of flooding through the McNairy Cypress Watershed project through the Natural Resources and Conservation Service.

See [here](#) for the full list of Natural Resources and Conservation Service projects announced earlier this year.

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

#### **The Wilcox Boulevard Bridge - River to Ridge Mobility Project – RAISE program**

Overview: The U.S. Department of Transportation awarded the City of Chattanooga \$25 million for a project that will replace the Wilcox Boulevard bridge, and will construct a 12.5-foot multi-use path on the southern edge of the project.

The current bridge that spans the railyard is in a deteriorated condition and as a result has a load limit which forces emergency vehicles, trucks, and public transit buses to take long detours. The replacement bridge will accommodate these heavier vehicles and eliminate the need for detour. The proposed project will provide underserved communities with more reliable transportation to jobs, schools, recreation, and businesses.

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

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

#### **I-40 Truck Parking and Bridges Replacement - INFRA program**

Overview: The U.S. Department of Transportation awarded Smith County, TN with \$22.6 million for a project that will upgrade welcome center ramps to meet current standards, add approximately 125 truck parking spaces, and upgrade the adjacent bridge structures on I-40 over the Caney Fork River. The project increases access to truck parking and reduces illegally parked commercial vehicles that cause safety hazards, both supporting the National Roadway Safety Strategy, and improving operations and efficiency on a critical freight corridor.

See [here](#) for more information on INFRA programs that were announced earlier this year.

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

#### **Bus and Bus Facilities program**

Overview: The U.S. Department of Transportation awarded Memphis Area Transit Authority \$54 million to build a new operations and maintenance facility. The new facility will be designed to accommodate more than 300 vehicles, improving safety and the state of good repair for the bus fleet.

See [here](#) for more information on Bus and Bus Facilities programs that were announced earlier this year.