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President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is Delivering in Texas

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 Texas. To date, \$13.9 billion in Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding has been announced and is headed to Texas with 310 specific projects identified for funding. Since the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law passed, Texas is set to receive more than \$12.2 billion for transportation to invest in roads, bridges, public transit, ports and airports and over \$529 million for clean water. And, as of today, more than 1.1 million 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 Texas – including rural communities and historically underserved populations – the law makes critical investments that will improve lives for Texans and position the state for success.

Roads and Bridges: In Texas there are 818 bridges and over 19,441 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, Texas is expected to receive approximately \$27.5 billion over five years in federal funding for highways and bridges.

- **Announced funding to date:** To date, \$10.8 billion has been announced in Texas for roads, bridges, roadway safety, and major projects. This includes:
 - \$10.4 billion in highway formula funding and \$231 million in formula funding for bridges in 2022 and 2023.
 - \$101.6 million through the RAISE program and \$25 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 25% of Texans do not have an internet subscription. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law invests \$65 billion to provide affordable, high-speed internet to every American. Texas 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 3,927,000 households in Texas 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 1.1 million households in Texas 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:** \$508 million has been announced to Texas to provide clean and safe water across the state and improve water infrastructure. This includes:
 - \$508 million available in fiscal year 2022 to provide clean and safe water across the state through the Environmental Protection Agency. Of this funding, \$222 million is dedicated to lead pipe and service line replacement, with another \$141 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, Texas would expect to receive more than \$3.4 billion over five years under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to improve public transit across the state.¹ This funding will expand healthy, sustainable transportation options in Texas, where non-White households are 2.7 times more likely to commute via public transportation and 17% 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, Texas has been allocated \$645 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, Texas has been awarded \$51 million for the Environmental Protection Agency's Clean School Bus Program. In addition, communities in Texas were awarded \$97.5 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, Texas should expect to receive more than \$407 million in formula funding over five years to support the expansion of electric vehicle charging in the state.

- **Announced funding to date:** Texas has been allocated \$147 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:** \$246 million has been allocated to Texas for clean energy, energy efficiency, and power in 2022. This includes:
 - \$173 million for weatherization;
 - \$33.1 million through the State Energy Program;

- \$30.6 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, Texas has received more than \$345 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, Texas has received more than \$345 million in 2022 for ports and waterways. Texas was recently awarded \$40 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, Texas has experienced 79 extreme weather events, costing the state up to \$240 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 \$811 million has been allocated to Texas for infrastructure resilience in 2022 including \$423 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 \$108 million has been allocated to Texas in 2022 for capping orphaned oil and gas wells and reclaiming abandoned mine lands and \$2 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.

TEXAS PROJECT SPOTLIGHTS

Rehabilitation Project Spotlight

Galveston Harbor Channel Extension

Overview: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers awarded \$10.7 million to Galveston Harbor to restore the harbor's capacity and re-build a placement area.

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

Airport Project Spotlight

Laredo International Airport Terminal Expansion

Overview: The Laredo International airport received a \$2.5 million grant from the Department of Transportation's (DOT's) Federal Aviation Administration for a terminal expansion project to add more security checkpoints and concessions space 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

Pinto Creek Road Crossing Improvement Project

Overview: The Department of Agriculture awarded \$480,000 to Kinney, Texas to create improved road stream crossings and provide reliable transportation access to the community. The current crossings frequently experience floods and washouts that cut off community access to the local town.

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

RAISE Grant Program Project Spotlight

Texas Active Transportation Network

Overview: This \$25 million grant from DOT will fully fund a project to complete two trails totaling approximately 50 miles, including approximately eight bridges, landscaping, and trail amenities on the Northeast Texas Trail (NETT) and the Paso del Norte Trail (PDN) in the El Paso area. Upgrading bridges and dozens of miles of trail will provide underserved communities access to schools, jobs, recreation centers, grocery stores, and other essential services. The project will upgrade the condition of the bridges to improve safety and promote active transportation for residents.

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

Port Infrastructure Development Grant Program Project Spotlight

Container on Barge Infrastructure Project — Beaumont, TX

Overview: This \$26.4 million DOT grant will help fund two project components: 1) the “Lot 6 Project,” which involves the strengthening of a 400-foot section of dock area to support heavy loads with the addition of a 400’ x 100’ pile-supported relieving platform and four monopiles for breasting barges, and 2) the “Lot 14B Paving Project,” which includes the design and installation of a 26.14-acre container marshalling yard and hard-surfaced laydown area. This project will increase shipping capacity at the port, increasing economic activity in the area and accelerating America’s supply chain.

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

INFRA Grant Program Project Spotlight

Anzaldúas Bridge Expansion Project

Overview: The DOT’s \$25 million grant will build commercial inspection facilities at the Anzaldúas Land Port of Entry, including inspection booths and docks, equipment, roadway, parking, and sidewalks. The project will improve current southbound facilities and construct northbound facilities. Upgrading the Anzaldúas Bridge crossing to full service will address system vulnerabilities, improve travel time reliability, and increase economic competitiveness for commercial freight traffic crossing the border. The project also establishes Non-Intrusive Inspection technologies and innovative inspection design to improve safety and efficiency.

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

Low- or No- Emission Bus Grant Program Project Spotlight

City of Lubbock

Overview: The City of Lubbock's Citibus transit service will receive \$39.6 million in BIL funding from the DOT to buy hybrid electric buses which will replace buses that are on average 20 years old and beyond their useful life. The new low-emission buses will help create a more reliable, environmentally friendly, and sustainable transit service that will increase ridership.

See [here](#) for the full list of 2022 Low- or No- Emission Bus Grant recipients