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

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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 Florida. To date, \$8.1 billion in Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding has been announced and is headed to Florida with over 175 specific projects identified for funding. Since the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law passed, Florida will receive approximately \$6.3 billion for transportation to invest in roads, bridges, public transit, ports and airports and roughly \$275 million for clean water. And, as of today, more than 1,186,000 households across the state are receiving affordable high-speed 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 Florida – including rural communities and historically underserved populations – the law makes critical investments that will improve lives for Floridians and position the state for success.

**Roads and Bridges:** In Florida, there are 408 bridges and over 3,564 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, Florida is expected to receive approximately \$13.3 billion over five years in federal funding for highways and bridges.

- **Announced funding to date:** To date, \$5.2 billion has been announced in Florida for roads, bridges, roadway safety, and major projects. This includes:
  - \$5.1 billion in highway formula funding and \$105.3 million in dedicated formula funding for bridges in 2022 and 2023.
  - \$85.8 million through the RAISE program, \$27 million through the INFRA program in 2022 and 2023.

**Internet:** High-speed internet is necessary for Americans to do their jobs, participate in school, access health care, and stay connected. Yet nearly 22% of Floridians do not have an internet subscription. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law invests \$65 billion to provide affordable, high-speed internet to every American. Florida 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 3,283,000 households in Florida 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:** To date, Florida has received \$5 million through the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program (BEAD) to help provide access to high-speed internet across the state. In addition, about 1,186,000 households in Florida 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:** 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:** To date, \$275 million has been announced to Florida to provide clean and safe water across the state and improve water infrastructure. This includes:
  - \$275 million available in fiscal years 2022 and 2023 to provide clean and safe water across the state through the Environmental Protection Agency. Of this funding, \$111.6 million is dedicated to lead pipe and service line replacement, with another \$70.8 million for safe drinking water investments that can also support lead pipe replacement in fiscal year 2022 and 2023.

**Public Transit:** The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law makes the largest investment in public transit in U.S. history. Based on formula funding alone, Florida would expect to receive approximately \$2.8 billion 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 Florida, where non-white households are 3.5 times more likely to commute via public transportation and 20% 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, Florida has been allocated \$529.4 million to improve public transportation options across the state in fiscal year 2022 and 2023.

**Clean Buses:** The Bipartisan Infrastructure 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, Florida has been awarded \$11.8 million for the Environmental Protection Agency's Clean School Bus Program. In addition, communities in Florida were awarded \$41.9 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, Florida should expect to receive roughly \$198 million in formula funding over five years to support the expansion of electric vehicle charging in the state.

- **Announced funding to date:** Florida has been allocated \$71.5 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, carbon capture, and batteries, 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:** To date, approximately \$151.6 million has been allocated to Florida for clean energy, energy efficiency, and power in 2022 and 2023. This includes:
  - \$93.6 million for weatherization;

- \$16.8 million through the State Energy Program;
- \$24.7 million through the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program;
- \$16.3 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 enhanced traveler experience.

- **Announced funding to date:** To date, Florida has received approximately \$302.1 million in 2022 and 2023 for airports.

**Ports and Waterways:** Like airports, our ports and waterways are in need of repair and investment. 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, Florida has received roughly \$143.6 million in 2022 and 2023 for ports and waterways. Florida was awarded \$43.2 million for 3 port projects 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, Florida has experienced 73 extreme weather events, costing the state up to \$260 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 \$1.4 billion has been allocated to Florida for infrastructure resilience in 2022 and 2023 including \$32.5 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, \$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.

## **Florida Project Spotlights**

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

#### **I-4 West Central Florida Truck Parking Facility**

The \$15 million grant from the Department of Transportation will help build a new truck parking facility with about 120 spaces, electric charging stations, and pedestrian infrastructure to access nearby amenities. This corridor between Tampa and Orlando carries an average of 18,000 trucks daily, but currently lacks sufficient parking. The facility will be connected to Florida's Department of Transportation Truck Parking Availability System in order to help drivers identify available parking locations more quickly. By providing reliable parking capacity, the project improves safety for tired drivers and makes supply chain movement more efficient.

See [here](#) for more information on awarded grants through the INFRA program.

### ***Rural Port Expansion Project Spotlight***

#### **South Port Container Yard and Electrification Project**

The Department of Transportation awarded Manatee County Port Authority with \$11.9 million to construct an approximately 16.5-acre container yard, install electrical systems for two previously acquired mobile harbor cranes, and construct an access road. The project will expand capacity at the container yard, help meet increasing demands for capacity, and modernize infrastructure to reduce backlogs and delays. It will also bring

economic benefits through job creation and reduce supply chain bottlenecks along Florida's gulf coast

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

#### **Everglades Restoration**

The Army Corps of Engineers awarded nearly \$1.1 billion in BIL funding to the Everglades for ecosystem restoration activities. Years of human development have isolated portions of the Everglades and altered natural flow patterns for freshwater. This project aims to reconnect the Northern Everglades with the southern and central habitats. This historic funding marks the single largest investment in Everglade's history.

See [here](#) for the full list of U.S. Army Corps projects announced in 2022.

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

#### **Orlando International Airport**

The Orlando International airport received a \$50 million grant from DOT's Federal Aviation Administration for a terminal expansion project. The project constructs 4 additional gates with 8 loading bridges capable of serving either 4 wide body or 8 narrow body aircraft. The project increases capacity, provides ADA-compliant facilities, and generates thousands of good-paying jobs.

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

### ***Clean Bus Project Spotlight***

#### **Central Florida Regional Transportation Authority**

The Central Florida Regional Transportation Authority will receive over \$16.1 million in funding from the Federal Transit Authority to buy battery electric buses, electric cutaways, and charging equipment to replace diesel and gas vehicles that have reached their useful life. The new electric vehicles will reduce carbon emissions in the region and support LYNX's plans to transition its fleet to low or zero-emission vehicles by 2028.

See [here](#) for more information on Low or No Emission Bus projects that have been announced.