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# INVESTING IN AMERICA

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## President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is Delivering in Texas

As of April 2023

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, \$14.4 billion in Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding has been announced and is headed to Texas with over 374 specific projects identified for funding. Since the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law passed, approximately \$12.4 billion has been announced for transportation – to invest in roads, bridges, public transit, ports and airports – and roughly \$750 million has been announced for clean water. And, as of today, more than 1,282,000 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 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, \$10.7 billion has been announced in Texas for roads, bridges, roadway safety, and major projects. This includes:
  - \$10.5 billion in highway formula funding and \$230.7 million in dedicated formula funding for bridges in 2022 and 2023.
  - \$101.6 million through the RAISE program, \$25 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 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:** To date, Texas 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 1,282,000 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:** 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, \$729 million has been announced to Texas to provide clean and safe water across the state and improve water infrastructure. This includes:
  - \$729 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, \$222.2 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 and 2023.

**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 approximately \$3.4 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 Texas, where non-white households are 2.7 times more likely to commute via public transportation and 17% 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, Texas has been allocated \$644.7 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, schools in Texas have been awarded \$51 million through the Environmental Protection Agency's Clean School Bus Program. In addition, communities in Texas were awarded \$77.5 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 roughly \$408 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 \$147.2 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 \$305.7 million has been allocated to Texas for clean energy, energy efficiency, and power in 2022 and 2023. This includes:
  - \$173.2 million for weatherization;

- \$33.1 million through the State Energy Program;
- \$29 million through the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program;
- \$60.9 million to prevent outages and make the power grid more resilient. Additional grid funding will be made available in the coming months; and

**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, Texas has received approximately \$422.9 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, Texas has received roughly \$344.7 million in 2022 and 2023 for ports and waterways. Texas was awarded \$40 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, Texas has experienced 76 extreme weather events, costing the state up to \$233 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 \$819.2 million has been allocated to Texas for infrastructure resilience in 2022 and 2023 including \$423.2 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, approximately \$108.5 million has been allocated to Texas in 2022 and 2023 for capping orphaned oil and gas wells and reclaiming abandoned mine lands and \$2 million has been allocated to cleaning up 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**

### ***Transit Project Spotlight***

#### **Harris County University Corridor Bus Rapid Transit**

The Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County (METRO) will receive \$150 million through the Federal Transit Administration to develop a Bus Rapid Transit corridor from Westchase Park-and-Ride to the Tidwell Transit Center. The project will include 47 battery-electric buses which will operate almost entirely on exclusive bus lanes. The effort will give a historically disadvantaged community better access to jobs, education and essential services. The corridor will also serve the six area universities and colleges.

See [here](#) to learn more about grant programs under the Federal Transit Administration.

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

#### **Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport**

The Federal Aviation Administration has awarded the Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport \$70 million to help fund the construction of a Zero Carbon Electric Central Utility Plant. This will help the airport reach its 2030 goal of net zero carbon emissions. Phase 1 of implementation will include constructing the utility facility and the conversion of two of the five terminals. Phase 2 will convert the remaining 3 terminals.

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

## ***Reconnecting Communities Project Spotlight***

### **Gulfton Multimodal Study**

The City of Houston has been awarded over \$500,000 to continue planning and implementation work surrounding the challenges posed by legacy infrastructure such as I-69 and the Westpark Tollway in Gulfton. Low car ownership makes the neighborhood one of the most transit-dependent in the Houston area. The planning effort will work to mitigate the imposing effects of existing infrastructure to improve access to the City's transit hubs, schools, parks, and business corridors.

See [here](#) for a full list of announced Reconnecting Communities Awards.

## ***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 2022-23 INFRA Grant recipients.

## ***RAISE Grant Program Project Spotlight***

### **Port of Arthur Navigation District**

Overview: DOT awarded \$13.6 million RAISE Grant to the Port of Arthur Navigation District to convert an abandoned railyard into a modern cargo storage and staging area. The project includes an approximate 25.5 acres of site stabilization and related lighting, fencing, fiber optic, stormwater management, relocation of utilities underground, and reconditioning of a two-story structure to mitigate flood risks. The project will decrease accidents by creating more space for the efficient and timely movement of goods and people.

See [here](#) for more information about Multimodal Laydown RAISE Grant.

## ***RAISE Telephone Road: Main Street Revitalization Project***

### **City of Houston, Texas**

Overview: DOT awarded a nearly \$21 million RAISE grant to revitalize Telephone Road through multimodal improvements across 2.8 miles. The project will address hazards such as faded street markings, crumbling or non-existent sidewalks and bike lanes within the roadway that has led to numerous crashes. The project will improve safety and ADA accessibility by upgrading pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure and creating additional transportation options.

See [here](#) for more information about Houston Texas Telephone Road RAISE Grant.

## ***RAISE Grant Program Project Spotlight***

### **Commerce Street Corridor**

Overview: DOT awarded \$5 million to the City of Harlingen for a planning project to support the redesign and preliminary engineering of the Commerce Street Corridor. The project will reduce crashes and protect nonmotorized travelers along the corridor. It will also incorporate stormwater management to improve resiliency against flooding. The project will increase affordable and accessible transportation options by improving non-motorized facilities.

See [here](#) for more information about Harlingen Texas RAISE Grant.

## ***RAISE Grant Program Project Spotlight***

### **Ysleta Port of Entry Pedestrian and Site Improvements**

Overview: DOT awarded \$12 million project to the City of El Paso to construct pedestrian walkways and improvements to assure safety at the Ysleta Port of Entry Pedestrian and Site. The project will reduce air pollution and emissions by supporting pedestrian infrastructure and transit bus stops. The project will help ease barriers to crossing the bridge on foot, bike, or reaching the border crossing by transit.

See [here](#) for more information about Ysleta Port of Entry Pedestrian and Site Improvements.