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

As of August 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 Mississippi. To date, \$3.7 billion in Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding has been announced and is headed to Mississippi with over 258 specific projects identified for funding. Since the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law passed, approximately \$1.7 billion has been announced for transportation – to invest in roads, bridges, public transit, ports and airports – and roughly \$181 million has been announced for clean water. Mississippi received \$1.2 billion to connect everyone in the state to reliable high-speed internet and, as of today, more than 225,000 Mississippi households are already saving on their monthly internet bill 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 Mississippi – including rural communities and historically underserved populations – the law makes critical investments that will improve lives for Mississippians and position the state for success.

**Roads and Bridges:** In Mississippi, there are 1,097 bridges and over 5,690 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, Mississippi is expected to receive approximately \$3.6 billion over five years in federal funding for highways and bridges.

- **Announced funding to date:** To date, \$1.5 billion has been announced in Mississippi for roads, bridges, roadway safety, and major projects. This includes:
  - \$1.3 billion in highway formula funding and \$90 million in dedicated formula funding for bridges in 2022 and 2023.
  - \$43.9 million through the RAISE program in 2022 and 2023.

*Announced Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding is as of August 7, 2023*

**Internet:** High-speed internet is necessary for Americans to do their jobs, participate in school, access health care, and stay connected. Yet, over 268,365 homes and small businesses in Mississippi do not have access to high-speed internet infrastructure. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law invests \$65 billion to provide affordable, high-speed internet to everyone in America. The Biden-Harris Administration worked 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.

- **Announced funding to date:** Mississippi has received \$1.2 billion through the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program (BEAD) to provide access to high-speed internet to everyone in Mississippi. In addition, about 225,000 households in Mississippi 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, \$160 million has been announced to Mississippi to provide clean and safe water across the state and improve water infrastructure. This includes:
  - \$160 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, \$59.2 million is dedicated to lead pipe and service line replacement, with another \$45.7 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, Mississippi would expect to receive approximately \$218 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 Mississippi, where non-white households are 2.9 times more likely to commute via public transportation and 55% 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, Mississippi has been allocated \$42 million to improve public transportation options across the state in fiscal year 2022 and 2023.

**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, schools in Mississippi have been awarded \$36.4 million through the Environmental Protection Agency's Clean School Bus Program. In addition, communities in Mississippi were awarded \$16.9 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, Mississippi should expect to receive roughly \$51 million in formula funding over five years to support the expansion of electric vehicle charging in the state.

- **Announced funding to date:** Mississippi has been allocated \$18.3 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 \$58.9 million has been allocated to Mississippi for clean energy, energy efficiency, and power in 2022 and 2023. This includes:
  - \$28.1 million for weatherization;

- \$5.5 million through the State Energy Program;
- \$3.8 million through the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program;
- \$12.6 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 U.S. become more economically competitive globally, creates good jobs, and revitalizes and supports more efficient and enhanced traveler experience.

- **Announced funding to date:** To date, Mississippi has received approximately \$57.6 million in 2022 and 2023 for airports.

**Ports and Waterways:** 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, Mississippi has received roughly \$49.4 million in 2022 and 2023 for ports and waterways. Mississippi was awarded \$6 million for 1 port project 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, Mississippi has experienced 37 extreme weather events, costing the state up to \$4.7 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 \$447.5 million has been allocated to Mississippi for infrastructure resilience in 2022 and 2023 including \$225.2 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 \$26.8 million has been allocated to Mississippi in 2022 and 2023 for capping orphaned oil and gas wells and reclaiming abandoned mine lands and \$39.5 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.

## **Mississippi Project Spotlights**

### ***Brownfields Cleanup Project Spotlight***

#### **Natchez, MS**

The Environmental Protection Agency awarded approximately \$1 million to the City of Natchez for a Brownfields Cleanup Grant. Grant funds will be used to clean up the 0.87-acre Fry Building Site. The historical site was developed with dwellings, warehouses, and boarding houses during the late 1800s. Now, the area is contaminated with polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons, inorganic contaminants, and metals. Grant funds also will be used to update an existing Community Involvement Plan and support community engagement activities. The funding will accelerate clean-up efforts of contaminated sites, spur economic redevelopment, and build safer, more resilient communities for the next generation.

See [here](#) for a list Multipurpose, Assessment, Revolving Loan Fund, and Cleanup (MARC) Grant projects

### ***Roads Project Spotlight***

#### **Harrison and Hancock Corridor**

The Department of Transportation awarded \$60 million to the Mississippi Department of Transportation to widen I-10 in Harrison and Hancock counties along a major freight corridor of regional significance.

See [here](#) for recently announced Mega Grant funding.

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

#### **Mississippi Coastal Improvement Plan**

The Army Corps of Engineers will invest \$77 million to restore the Mississippi barrier islands. This project will increase resilience to storms, prevent saltwater intrusion and shoreline erosion, and bolster tourism.

See [here](#) for a list of announced U.S. Army Corps projects.

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

#### **Golden Triangle Regional Airport Terminal Expansion**

The Federal Aviation Administration awarded \$11.3 million to the Golden Triangle Regional Airport to renovate the existing terminal to provide jet bridge access and capability that is compatible with the larger aircraft replacing smaller regional jets. The project will increase terminal capacity, replace equipment that is no longer compatible with the aircraft serving the airport, improve ADA accessibility, and promote competition.

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

### ***ReConnect Project Spotlight***

#### **Coahoma, Quitman & Tunica Counties**

The Department of Agriculture has awarded \$15 million to Uplink Internet LLC to deploy a fiber-to-the-premises network in Mississippi. This network will connect 2,340 people, 143 farms, 45 businesses and a public school to high-speed internet in Coahoma, Quitman and Tunica counties. It also will serve socially vulnerable communities in these counties.

See [here](#) for more information on the ReConnect Program.

### ***Bus Facilities and Low- and No-Emission (Low-No) Vehicle Spotlight***

#### **City of Hattiesburg**

The Department of Transportation awarded approximately \$6 million to the City of Hattiesburg to buy electric buses and charging equipment to replace diesel vehicles and to develop a workforce training program. The improvements will reduce greenhouse gas emissions and help workers transition to working on electric vehicles.

See [here](#) for a full list of FY23 Bus and Low- and No-Emission Grant projects.

### ***Port Infrastructure Development Project Spotlight***

#### **Project Steel Wheel - Columbus Dock Expansion**

The Department of Transportation awarded \$6.1 million to Columbus, Mississippi for the design, engineering, construction, and inspection of a new rail spur with approximately 10,000 linear feet of track and three transload docks that will provide direct rail access for transloading cargo between barges and railcars at the Lowndes County West Bank Port. The port does not currently have direct rail access and the new rail spur will connect the port terminal to an existing railroad line operated by Kansas City Southern.

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

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

#### **Completing the Mississippi River Greenway**

The Department of Transportation awarded Dakota County with approximately \$8 million to complete an approximate 2.4-mile gap of trail along the Mississippi River Greenway. The project will also include safety improvements at road and rail crossings, wayfinding, and natural resource restoration. Improvements to the trail are estimated to result in increases to employment and tourism. The project addresses safety, environmental sustainability, mobility and community connectivity, economic competitiveness and opportunity, partnership and collaboration, and innovation.

See [here](#) for a full list of RAISE projects.

### ***Natural Gas Distribution Infrastructure Safety and Modernization Grant Spotlight***

#### **City of New Albany Gas Department**

The Department of Transportation awarded \$4,851,000 to the City of New Albany Gas Department. The goal is to replace a 3.2-mile section of non-standard, thin-wall steel gas main, commonly referred to as "Invasion Pipe." This pipe was installed as part of the original gas distribution system in 1951.

See [here](#) for more information on Natural Gas Distribution Infrastructure Safety and Modernization Grants.