# INVESTING IN AMERICA

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

As of February 2024

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 Alabama. To date, \$6.3 billion in Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding has been announced and is headed to Alabama with over 315 specific projects identified for funding. Since the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law passed, approximately \$4.1 billion has been announced for transportation – to invest in roads, bridges, public transit, ports and airports – and roughly \$297 million has been announced for clean water and water infrastructure. Alabama received \$1.7 billion to connect everyone in the state to reliable high-speed internet and, as of today, more than 414,000 Alabama 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 Alabama – including rural communities and historically underserved populations – the law makes critical investments that will improve the lives of Alabamians and position the state for success.

**Roads and Bridges:** In Alabama, there are 575 bridges and over 2,367 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, Alabama is expected to receive approximately \$5.8 billion over five years in federal funding for highways and bridges.

- **Announced funding to date:** \$3.6 billion has been announced in Alabama for roads, bridges, roadway safety, and major projects. This includes:
  - \$3.3 billion in highway formula funding and \$135 million in dedicated formula funding for bridges to date.

\$50.5 million through the RAISE program.

Internet: High-speed internet is necessary for Americans to do their jobs, participate in school, access health care, and stay connected. Yet over 331,206 homes and small businesses in Alabama 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. Now, the Biden-Harris Administration is calling on Congress to extend this program through 2024. Without action from Congress, millions of Americans will lose their internet connection and the economic opportunities that come with it. See ACP enrollment for every state and territory here.

 Announced funding to date: To date, Alabama has received \$1.7 billion for high-speed internet. Alabama has received \$1.4 billion through the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program to provide access to highspeed internet to everyone in Alabama. Alabama also received \$26.3 million in funding to expand middle-mile infrastructure in the state. In addition, about 414,000 households in Alabama are enrolled in the Affordable Connectivity Program.

**Water:** The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law represents the largest investment in water infrastructure in American history, including the first-ever dedicated federal funding to replace lead service lines and address dangerous PFAS chemicals.

- Announced funding to date: \$297 million has been announced to Alabama to provide clean and safe water across the state and improve water infrastructure. This includes:
  - \$295 million available to date to provide clean and safe water across the state through the Environmental Protection Agency. Of this funding, \$89.8 million is dedicated to lead pipe and service line replacement, with another \$76 million for safe drinking water investments that can also support lead pipe replacement.

**Public Transit:** The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law makes the largest investment in public transit in U.S. history. Based on formula funding alone, Alabama would expect to receive approximately \$402 million over five years under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to improve public transit across the state. This funding will expand healthy, sustainable transportation options in Alabama, where non-white households are 4.5

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<sup>&</sup>lt;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.

times more likely to commute via public transportation and 31% of transit vehicles in the state are currently past useful life.

• Announced funding to date: Alabama has been allocated \$154.3 million to improve public transportation options across the state.

**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. Announced funding to date will double the number of clean transit buses on America's roads.

Announced funding to date: Schools in Alabama have been awarded \$26.5 million through the Environmental Protection Agency's Clean School Bus Program. Communities in Alabama were awarded \$29.7 million for clean transit buses and improved bus service through DOT's Low- and No- Emission 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, Alabama should expect to receive roughly \$79 million in formula funding over five years to support the expansion of electric vehicle charging in the state.

• Announced funding to date: \$45.5 million has been announced in Alabama to date to build out a network of EV chargers in the state.

Clean Energy & Power: Power outages cost the U.S. economy about \$150 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:** Approximately \$99.6 million has been allocated to Alabama for clean energy, energy efficiency, and power. This includes:
  - \$47.5 million for weatherization;

- \$7.4 million through the State Energy Program;
- \$5.7 million through the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program;
- \$20.1 million to prevent outages and make the power grid more resilient.

**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: Alabama has received approximately \$97.5 million 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: Alabama has received roughly \$164.4 million 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, floods, unprecedented power outages, and persistent droughts devastate our communities and threaten our infrastructure. In the last decade, Alabama has experienced 41 extreme weather events, costing the state up to \$9 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:** Approximately \$119.9 million has been allocated to Alabama for infrastructure resilience.

**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: Approximately \$22.1 million has been allocated to Alabama for capping orphaned oil and gas wells and reclaiming abandoned mine lands. \$2.7 million has been allocated to cleaning up Superfund and brownfield sites.

For more information, click <u>here</u> to see a map of funding and announced projects in your community through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

## **Alabama Project Spotlights**

## RAISE Project Spotlight

# Birmingham Civil Rights Crossroads: Reconnecting Historic Neighborhoods Through Active Mobility

The Department of Transportation awarded \$21.7 million to the City of Birmingham to redevelop approximately 2.5 miles of road with a complete streets approach, including a two-way cycle track, improved ADA access, sidewalks, and other universal design elements. The project aims to improve safety by providing natural traffic calming services and intersection improvements resulting in enhanced visibility of pedestrians and cyclists.

See here for a full list of RAISE projects.

# Renew America's Schools Project Spotlight

# **Jefferson County School District**

The Department of Energy awarded \$15 million to the Jefferson County School District to provide energy efficient updates and health improvements at seven schools. The selected schools will benefit from the installation of energy efficient lighting systems, retrofits and replacement of aging water systems, comprehensive improvements from building envelopes to remediate leaks, and replacement of HVAC units and thermostats. This first-of-its-kind investment will help school communities make energy upgrades that will lower utilities costs, improve indoor air quality, and foster healthier learning environments.

See here to learn more about the Selectees for the Renew America's Schools grant.

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

## **Craig Field Airport and Industrial Authority**

The Environmental Protection Agency awarded the Craig Field Airport and Industrial Authority with \$682,000 to clean up the Craig Field Flight Line site on Craig Industrial Parkway near the City of Selma. The cleanup site was part of the former 1,790-acre Craig Air Force Base, which operated from 1940 through 1977. Site contaminants include volatile organic compounds in soil vapors, heavy metals in soil and building structures, and groundwater contaminants. The funding will accelerate clean-up efforts of contaminated sites to build safer, more resilient communities.

See here for a list Multipurpose, Assessment, Revolving Loan Fund, and Cleanup (MARC) Grant projects and selected applicants for Revolving Loan Fund Supplemental Funding.

#### PHMSA Project Spotlight

# **Natural Gas Distribution Infrastructure Safety and Modernization Grants**

The Department of Transportation awarded approximately \$9.7 million to the City of Tallassee to replace 17.75 miles of high risk, leak-prone legacy pipes in underserved communities. The project will help improve public safety, protect public health, and reduce methane emissions from natural gas distribution pipes.

See <u>here for more information on Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety</u> <u>Administration (PHMSA) projects.</u>

#### Watershed Programs Spotlight

#### **Pine Barren Watershed Flood Mitigation**

The Department of Agriculture awarded the city of Atmore, Alabama \$19 million to reduce the impact of flooding through the Pine Barren Watershed project through the Natural Resources and Conservation Service.

See <u>here for the full list of Natural Resources and Conservation Service projects that have been announced.</u>

# Rail Project Spotlight

#### Railroad Crossing Elimination on Shelby County Road 52

The Department of Transportation awarded nearly \$42 million to the City of Pelham to eliminate two at-grade crossings on Shelby County Road 52 (CR 52) with a new overpass over CSX's rail line, resulting in the closure of two crossings and road

improvements on CR 52 near U.S. 31 to improve safety. The project will resolve increasing issues with vehicular traffic and emergency responders encountering blocked at-grade crossings on CR 52, a major east- west arterial.

See here for the full list of FY22 Railroad Crossing Elimination Program grant award