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

As of March 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 Connecticut. To date, \$6.4 billion in Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding has been announced and is headed to Connecticut with over 167 specific projects identified for funding. Since the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law passed, approximately \$5.6 billion has been announced for transportation – to invest in roads, bridges, public transit, ports and airports – and roughly \$254 million has been announced for clean water and water infrastructure. Connecticut received \$242.7 million to connect everyone in the state to reliable high-speed internet and, as of today, more than 187,000 Connecticut 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 Connecticut – including rural communities and historically underserved populations – the law makes critical investments that will improve the lives of Connecticut residents and position the state for success.

**Roads and Bridges:** In Connecticut, there are 225 bridges and over 2,076 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, Connecticut is expected to receive approximately \$4.1 billion over five years in federal funding for highways and bridges.

- **Announced funding to date:** \$2.7 billion has been announced in Connecticut for roads, bridges, roadway safety, and major projects. This includes:
  - \$2.2 billion in highway formula funding and \$363.5 million in dedicated formula funding for bridges to date.

*Announced Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding is as of March 7, 2024*

- \$107.1 million through the RAISE program to date.

**Internet:** High-speed internet is necessary for Americans to do their jobs, participate in school, access health care, and stay connected. Yet over 11,693 homes and small businesses in Connecticut 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, Connecticut has received \$242.7 million for high-speed internet. Connecticut has received \$144.2 million through the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program to provide access to high-speed internet to everyone in Connecticut. In addition, about 187,000 households in Connecticut 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:** \$254 million has been announced to Connecticut to provide clean and safe water across the state and improve water infrastructure. This includes:
  - \$254 million available to date to provide clean and safe water across the state through the Environmental Protection Agency. Of this funding, \$68.3 million is dedicated to lead pipe and service line replacement, with another \$62 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, Connecticut would expect to receive approximately \$1.3 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 Connecticut, where non-white households are 2.1 times more likely to commute via public transportation and 23% 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:** Connecticut has been allocated \$624.3 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 Connecticut have been awarded \$8.8 million through the Environmental Protection Agency's Clean School Bus Program. Communities in Connecticut were awarded \$26.4 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, Connecticut should expect to receive roughly \$53 million in formula funding over five years to support the expansion of electric vehicle charging in the state.

- **Announced funding to date:** \$44.8 million has been announced in Connecticut 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 \$122 million has been allocated to Connecticut for clean energy, energy efficiency, and power. This includes:
  - \$46.2 million for weatherization;
  - \$5.3 million through the State Energy Program;

- \$5.4 million through the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program;
- \$10.5 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:** Connecticut has received approximately \$73 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:** Connecticut has received roughly \$91 million for ports and waterways. Connecticut was awarded \$19.1 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, Connecticut has experienced 14 extreme weather events, costing the state up to \$2.3 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 \$104.6 million has been allocated to Connecticut for infrastructure resilience including \$3.1 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:** \$65.1 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.

## **Connecticut Project Spotlights**

### ***Rail Project Spotlight***

#### **Connecticut River Bridge Replacement**

The Department of Transportation awarded nearly \$827 million to Amtrak to replace the existing Connecticut River Bridge between Old Saybrook and Old Lyme, CT, with a modern and resilient new moveable bridge immediately to the south of the existing structure. The existing Amtrak-owned 116-year-old bridge poses a risk of long-term major disruption on the Northeast Corridor due to its age and condition. The replacement bridge would maintain the two-track configuration and existing channel location and provide a bascule moveable span with additional vertical clearance for maritime traffic. The bridge serves the Northeast Corridor main line and is used by Amtrak's intercity services, Connecticut Shore Line East commuter service, and freight operators. The new structure will improve safety, reliability, and increase operating speed for all operators.

See [here](#) for a full list of Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail Northeast Corridor grant awards.

### ***EV Infrastructure Spotlight***

#### **Connecticut Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Grant – Community Component**

The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection will receive \$14.6 million to build electric vehicle infrastructure across the state. The project aims to increase access to electric vehicle infrastructure for rural communities including Barkhamsted and Groton. The project is also connected to neighborhood revitalization efforts and transit-oriented development with community chargers to be located near intermodal transportation centers.

See [here](#) for a full list of Charging and Fueling Infrastructure awards.

## ***Low- and No-Emission Project Spotlight***

### **State of Connecticut Department of Transportation**

The Department of Transportation awarded \$26.4 million to the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation to buy battery-electric buses to replace older diesel buses and modernize its CTtransit Stamford Division Depot to support battery-electric bus service. The project will ensure continued service reliability, maintain a state of good repair, improve air quality, and advance environmental justice in Stamford, CT.

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

## ***Renew America's Schools Project Spotlight***

### **Bridgeport Public Schools**

The Department of Energy awarded \$3.6 million to install solar and battery systems to lower GHG emissions and electricity costs and to provide resiliency to schools that serve disadvantaged communities as emergency shelters. 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***

### **Webster Street Lot Cleanup**

The Environmental Protection Agency awarded the Norwalk Redevelopment Agency \$2 million to clean up the Webster Street Lot located in the City of Norwalk. The 5-acre site was historically developed with manufacturing, commercial, and residential land uses, including two hat manufacturers, a shirt manufacturer, a brass foundry, an underwear company, a box company, and a blacksmith shop. The site is contaminated with metals, petroleum, and volatile organic compounds. The funding will accelerate clean up efforts of contaminated sites to spur economic redevelopment and build safer, more resilient communities.

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

## ***Large Bridge Project Spotlight***

### **Gold Star Memorial Bridge Rehabilitation**

The Department of Transportation will award the Connecticut Department of Transportation with \$158 million to rehabilitate the northbound structure of the Gold Star Memorial Bridge, which is part of the Interstate 95 corridor over the Thames River between New London and Groton, Connecticut. The bridge carries five lanes of traffic and 42,600 vehicles per day and is a vital connection on the I-95 corridor for people and goods traveling between New York and New England. The rehabilitation will address structural repairs, increase load capacity and eliminate a load restriction for overweight vehicles. Additionally, the project will add a new multi-use path to foster bike-sharing and pedestrian access to transit services.

See [here](#) for more information on awarded grants through the Bridge Investment Program.

## ***Airport Project Spotlight***

### **Bradley International Airport Expansion**

The Department of Transportation has awarded the Bradley International airport with a total of \$30.4 million for a terminal expansion project to provide an in-line checked baggage inspection system and implementation of an airport wide baggage handling system with upgrades. This project will improve the experience of travelers, reduce delays, improve energy efficiencies, and increase accessibility of the airport for people with disabilities. The grants were awarded in 2022, 2023, and 2024, and support the construction of safe, sustainable and accessible airport terminals, while improving the passenger experience.

See [here](#) for more information on Airport Project Spotlights

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

### **Connecticut School District Program**

The Environmental Protection Agency has awarded \$8.8 million to four Connecticut school districts through its Clean Bus Program. Funded through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, the Clean Bus Program provides rebates for the school districts switching to zero emission buses. The grants will help the school districts purchase 28 clean school buses that will accelerate the transition to zero emissions vehicles and produce cleaner air in and around schools and communities. The four school districts in

Connecticut awarded with the \$8.8 million were Falls Village Regional School District 1, Sharon Regional District No. 1, Cornwall School District and Hartford/Connecticut Technical Education and Career System.

See [here](#) for more information on the Clean School Bus program grants announced in 2022.