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## President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is Delivering in the District of Columbia

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 the District of Columbia. To date, \$2.3 billion in Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding has been announced and is headed to the District of Columbia with over 50 specific projects identified for funding. Since the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law passed, approximately \$1.8 billion has been announced for transportation – to invest in roads, bridges, public transit, ports and airports – and roughly \$203 million has been announced for clean water and water infrastructure. The District of Columbia received \$135 million to connect everyone in the district to reliable high-speed internet and, as of today, more than 64,000 District of Columbia 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 the District of Columbia – including rural communities and historically underserved populations – the law makes critical investments that will improve the lives of the people of D.C. and position the district for success.

**Roads and Bridges:** In the District of Columbia, there are 4 bridges and over 413 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, the District of Columbia is expected to receive approximately \$1.3 billion over five years in federal funding for highways and bridges.

- **Announced funding to date:** \$928.6 million has been announced in the District of Columbia for roads, bridges, roadway safety, and major projects. This includes:

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

- \$724.5 million in highway formula funding and \$135 million in dedicated formula funding for bridges to date.
- \$30 million through the RAISE program to date.
- \$34 million through the INFRA 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 184 homes and small businesses in the District of Columbia 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, the District of Columbia has received \$135 million for high-speed internet. The District of Columbia has received \$100.7 million through the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program to provide access to high-speed internet to everyone in the District of Columbia. In addition, about 64,000 households in the District of Columbia 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:** \$203 million has been announced to the District of Columbia to provide clean and safe water across the district and improve water infrastructure. This includes:
  - \$203 million available to date to provide clean and safe water across the district through the Environmental Protection Agency. Of this funding, \$57 million is dedicated to lead pipe and service line replacement, with another \$71.4 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, the District of Columbia would expect to receive approximately \$1.6 billion over five years under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to improve public transit across the district.<sup>1</sup> This funding will expand

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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.

healthy, sustainable transportation options in the District of Columbia and 4% of transit vehicles in the district are currently past useful life.

- **Announced funding to date:** The District of Columbia has been allocated \$754.7 million to improve public transportation options across the district.

**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 the District of Columbia have been awarded \$7.6 million through the Environmental Protection Agency's Clean School Bus Program. Communities in the District of Columbia were awarded \$113.6 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, the District of Columbia should expect to receive roughly \$17 million in formula funding over five years to support the expansion of electric vehicle charging in the district.

- **Announced funding to date:** \$9.6 million has been announced in the District of Columbia to date to build out a network of EV chargers in the district.

**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 \$53.3 million has been allocated to the District of Columbia for clean energy, energy efficiency, and power. This includes:

- \$5.2 million for weatherization;
- \$3 million through the State Energy Program;
- \$1.7 million through the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program;
- \$4 million to prevent outages and make the power grid more resilient.

**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:** The District of Columbia has received roughly \$1 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. 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 \$139.9 million has been allocated to the District of Columbia for infrastructure resilience, including \$6.3 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:** \$2 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.

## **District of Columbia Project Spotlights**

### ***INFRA Grant Program Project Spotlight***

#### **East Capitol Street Safety and Mobility Improvements**

The District Department of Transportation has received \$34 million to construct the East Capitol Street Corridor from Burns Street to Southern Avenue, including features such as traffic calming measures, bike lanes, improved walking spaces, and bus stop improvements. These upgrades are expected to significantly reduce crashes, fatalities, and injuries, particularly for pedestrians and bicyclists. Furthermore, they will enhance transit with a new bus route and dedicated bus stops that will be easier to use in a designated Historically Disadvantaged Community.

See [here](#) for a full list of INFRA awards.

### ***RAISE Project Spotlight***

#### **Creating Equitable Connections on the Capital Trails Network**

The Department of Transportation awarded \$25 million to the Maryland-National Capital Park Planning Commission to rehabilitate six multi-use paths to fill gaps in the bicycle and pedestrian network in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area. The recipient estimates that once the Capital Trails Network is completed, it will help approximately 540,000 working people get to their destinations in a more affordable and healthier way.

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

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

#### ***D.C. Cleanup Assessments***

The Environmental Protection Agency awarded D.C. \$2 million to conduct 15 Phase II environmental site assessments. 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.

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

#### **Arland D. Williams Jr. Memorial Bridge**

The Department of Transportation awarded \$72 million for the rehabilitation of the northbound I-395 bridge, also known as the Arland D. Williams Jr. Memorial Bridge. This is a four-lane, nearly half-mile bridge that carries people and goods from Arlington, Virginia, over the Potomac River to Washington, D.C. Over 88,000 vehicles cross this bridge every day and project sponsors estimate that this project will save millions of dollars in reduced maintenance costs, while improving travel times and safety for users.

See [here](#) for more information on recently announced rehabilitation bridge projects.

### ***Transportation Safety Project Spotlight***

#### **Tier 1: Research and Education in Promoting Safety**

The U.S. Department of Transportation awarded \$2 million per year to Howard University to research innovative methods to increase safety in public transportation. The project will promote safety for all transportation modes and provide educational opportunities, particularly for underrepresented students.

See [here](#) for more information on University Transportation Centers funded by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

### ***Clean Buses Project Spotlight***

#### **D.C. Department of Transportation Clean Buses**

The Department of Transportation's Federal Transit Administration has awarded \$9.5 million to the D.C. Department of Transportation to buy battery electric buses to replace diesel vehicles and increase the size of the DC Circulator fleet through DOT's Low- and No- Emission Bus Program. These investments will improve mobility and access to opportunities among low-income and underserved communities as well as reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

See [here](#) for more information on Low or No Emission Bus programs announced in 2022.

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

#### **Inland Flood Risk Management**

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers awarded \$6.2 million to D.C. for a project to reduce inland flood risk.

See [here](#) for more information on this award.