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

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 Florida. To date, \$16.2 billion in Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding has been announced and is headed to Florida with over 593 specific projects identified for funding. Since the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law passed, approximately \$11.1 billion has been announced for transportation – to invest in roads, bridges, public transit, ports and airports – and roughly \$995 million has been announced for clean water and water infrastructure. Florida received \$2.1 billion to connect everyone in the state to reliable high-speed internet and, as of today, more than 1,708,000 Florida 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 Florida – including rural communities and historically underserved populations – the law makes critical investments that will improve the lives of Floridians and position the state for success.

**Roads and Bridges:** In Florida, there are 455 bridges and over 3,144 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, Florida is expected to receive approximately \$13.3 billion over five years in federal funding for highways and bridges.

- **Announced funding to date:** \$8.5 billion has been announced in Florida for roads, bridges, roadway safety, and major projects. This includes:
  - \$7.7 billion in highway formula funding and \$158 million in dedicated formula funding for bridges to date.
  - \$117.1 million through the RAISE program to date.

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

- \$207 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 272,962 homes and small businesses in Florida 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, Florida has received \$2.1 billion for high-speed internet. Florida has received \$1.2 billion through the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program to provide access to high-speed internet to everyone in Florida. Florida also received \$2.8 million in funding to expand middle-mile infrastructure in the state. In addition, about 1,708,000 households in Florida 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:** \$995 million has been announced to Florida to provide clean and safe water across the state and improve water infrastructure. This includes:
  - \$995 million available to date to provide clean and safe water across the state through the Environmental Protection Agency. Of this funding, \$366.4 million is dedicated to lead pipe and service line replacement, with another \$229.8 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, Florida would expect to receive approximately \$2.8 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 Florida, where non-white households are 3.5 times more likely to commute via public transportation and 19% 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:** Florida has been allocated \$1.3 billion 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 Florida have been awarded \$45 million through the Environmental Protection Agency's Clean School Bus Program. Communities in Florida were awarded \$58.1 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, Florida should expect to receive roughly \$198 million in formula funding over five years to support the expansion of electric vehicle charging in the state.

- **Announced funding to date:** \$113.7 million has been announced in Florida 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 \$392.4 million has been allocated to Florida for clean energy, energy efficiency, and power. This includes:
  - \$93.6 million for weatherization;
  - \$16.8 million through the State Energy Program;

- \$24.7 million through the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program;
- \$162.8 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:** Florida has received approximately \$1 billion 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:** Florida has received roughly \$128.3 million for ports and waterways. Florida was awarded \$24.9 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, Florida has experienced 10 extreme weather events, costing the state up to \$227 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 \$1.5 billion has been allocated to Florida for infrastructure resilience, including \$51.5 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:** \$123 million has been allocated to cleaning up Superfund and brownfield sites. Approximately \$25 million has been allocated to Florida for capping orphaned oil and gas wells and reclaiming abandoned mine lands.

For more information, click [here](#) to see a map of funding and announced projects in your community through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

## **Florida Project Spotlights**

### ***INFRA Award Spotlight***

#### **I-4 Truck Parking Facilities**

The Florida Department of Transportation has received \$180 million to add approximately 917 truck parking spaces across four sites along I-4 in District Five in Central Florida, which includes locations in Volusia County, Seminole County and Osceola Counties. This project addresses the shortage of overnight parking for commercial vehicles in this region, which also reduces safety issues such as fatigue and unauthorized parking. The project will also incorporate electric charging stations.

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

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

#### **Everglades Restoration**

The Army Corps of Engineers awarded nearly \$1.1 billion to the Everglades for ecosystem restoration activities. Years of human development have isolated portions of the Everglades and altered natural flow patterns for freshwater. These projects will help regulate the inflows and outflows of water that are the lifeline of this ecosystem, helping restore the rich biodiversity of the Everglades' two million acres of wetlands. Thriving wetlands will also filter out pollution to improve water quality for the one-third of Floridians who rely on the Everglades for drinking water, and will help improve resilience to flooding that impacts the state. This historic funding marks the single largest investment in Everglades' history.

See [here](#) for the full list of U.S. Army Corps projects announced in 2022.

## ***Grid Innovation Spotlight***

### **Improving Reliability Through Grid Hardening in Florida**

The Department of Energy is awarding \$52.9 million to the Sumter Electric Cooperative to improve reliability of its power grid. This project consists of multiple inter-related components that SECO Energy has developed in response to the need for accelerated resilience efforts. Multiple tropical storms and hurricanes have crossed directly through SECO Energy's service territory with winds and flooding causing damage and disruptions. SECO Energy's proposed project will enhance resilience by undergrounding overhead utility lines; hardening existing poles and increasing line capacity; replacing aging, inefficient equipment; and expanding load capacity with a new distribution substation.

See [here](#) for a full list of Grid Resilience Innovation and Partnership (GRIP) program awardees.

## ***Rail Project Spotlight***

### **Florida Panhandle Rail Resiliency and Connectivity Project**

The Department of Transportation has awarded \$23.1 million to the Florida Gulf & Atlantic Railroad, LLC for rail infrastructure and safety improvements in Florida through the Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) program. This project will help improve the 100-mile-long stretch of FGA's mainline through Florida's panhandle. The improvements will expand operating capacity and ensure safety in an area that is consistently impacted by severe hurricanes.

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

## ***Middle Mile Project Spotlight***

### **WANRack Middle Mile Project**

The Department of Commerce awarded \$2.8 million to WANRack to build 44.8 miles of open access middle mile high-speed internet infrastructure from north of Lakeland, FL going through Pasco and Zephyrhills/Dade City and then continuing north into Hernando County. The Middle Mile Grant Program plays a critical role in providing affordable, high-speed internet for unserved regions.

See [here](#) for more information about Enabling Middle Mile Broadband Infrastructure Program award recipients.

## ***PHMSA Project Spotlight***

### **City of Milton Natural Gas Distribution Infrastructure Safety and Modernization Grant**

The Department of Transportation awarded \$10 million to the City of Milton to replace 4.38 miles of cast iron natural gas lines and 7.91 miles of steel gas mains. The project will help improve public safety, protect public health, and reduce methane emissions from natural gas distribution pipes in underserved communities.

See [here](#) for more information on Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) projects.

## ***Superfund Cleanup Project Spotlight***

### **Southern Solvents, Inc.**

The Environmental Protection Agency has announced \$5 million in funding for the cleanup at the Southern Solvents, Inc. site. The funds will be used to remove and treat tetrachloroethylene (also known as PCE or PERC) and trichloroethylene (TCE) contamination in the soil and groundwater. This funding will allow EPA to restore and protect a valuable drinking water resource in the Tampa, Florida area. The cleanup will restore the site and prevent the contaminants from migrating to other areas.

See [here](#) for more information on EPA Superfund cleanup work.

## ***Rail Project Spotlight***

### **Broward County Sealed Corridor Project**

The Department of Transportation awarded the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization over \$15 million for enhancements at 21 grade crossings along Florida East Coast Railway's rail line, a freight rail corridor shared with Brightline's intercity passenger rail service. Enhancements include exit gates and medians to improve safety at the crossings.

See [here](#) for a full list of FY22 Railroad Crossing Elimination Program grants awards.

## ***Rail Project Spotlight***

### **South Florida Regional Transportation Authority Rail Vehicle Replacement**

The Department of Transportation awarded nearly \$72 million to the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority, which operates the Tri-Rail commuter rail service in Miami along a 72-mile South Florida Rail Corridor, to replace approximately 24 rail vehicles (or 32% of its fleet). The funding will support new locomotives and passenger cars, that have exceeded, or are near the end of their useful life. This project will ensure safe, reliable, and efficient transportation for Tri-Rail's 12,500 daily riders.

See [here](#) for a full list of FY22 and FY23 Rail Vehicle Replacement Program selections.

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

#### **Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood Airport**

The Department of Transportation awarded \$50 million to the Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood Airport. This award partially funds passenger terminal improvements, including the expansion of the existing hold room and bathroom facility upgrades. This award partially funds a portion of the T1-T2-T3 Terminal Connector, which will complete post-security connectivity between all terminals at the airport. The project consists of the construction of two connector walkways and modifications to the existing terminals including enhanced security checkpoints, a renovated bag hall, an expanded hold room, and additional retail space.

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