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# INVESTING IN AMERICA

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

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 Illinois. To date, \$15.7 billion in Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding has been announced and is headed to Illinois with over 475 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 \$1 billion has been announced for clean water and water infrastructure. Illinois received \$1.5 billion to connect everyone in the state to reliable high-speed internet and, as of today, more than 705,000 Illinois 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 Illinois – including rural communities and historically underserved populations – the law makes critical investments that will improve the lives of Illinoisan and position the state for success.

**Roads and Bridges:** In Illinois, there are 2,423 bridges and over 6,137 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, Illinois is expected to receive approximately \$11.3 billion over five years in federal funding for highways and bridges.

- **Announced funding to date:** \$7.3 billion has been announced in Illinois for roads, bridges, roadway safety, and major projects. This includes:
  - \$5.9 billion in highway formula funding and \$891.8 million in dedicated formula funding for bridges to date.
  - \$151.2 million through the RAISE program to date.

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

- \$95 million through the INFRA program to date.
- \$52.9 million through the Rural Surface Transportation Grant 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 239,688 homes and small businesses in Illinois 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, Illinois has received \$1.5 billion for high-speed internet. Illinois has received \$1 billion through the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program to provide access to high-speed internet to everyone in Illinois. Illinois also received \$14.6 million in funding to expand middle-mile infrastructure in the state. In addition, about 705,000 households in Illinois 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:** \$1 billion has been announced to Illinois to provide clean and safe water across the state and improve water infrastructure. This includes:
  - \$961 million available to date to provide clean and safe water across the state through the Environmental Protection Agency. Of this funding, \$334.4 million is dedicated to lead pipe and service line replacement, with another \$201.5 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, Illinois would expect to receive approximately \$4.5 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 Illinois, where non-white households are 1.9 times

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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.

more likely to commute via public transportation and 34% of transit vehicles in the state are currently past useful life.

- **Announced funding to date:** Illinois has been allocated \$2.1 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 Illinois have been awarded \$90.3 million through the Environmental Protection Agency's Clean School Bus Program. Communities in Illinois were awarded \$52.1 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, Illinois should expect to receive roughly \$149 million in formula funding over five years to support the expansion of electric vehicle charging in the state.

- **Announced funding to date:** \$100.3 million has been announced in Illinois 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 \$359.3 million has been allocated to Illinois for clean energy, energy efficiency, and power. This includes:
  - \$156.2 million for weatherization;

- \$14.3 million through the State Energy Program;
- \$14.5 million through the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program;
- \$75.7 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:** Illinois has received approximately \$494.1 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:** Illinois has received roughly \$291.8 million for ports and waterways. Illinois was awarded \$18.1 million for 2 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, Illinois has experienced 48 extreme weather events, costing the state up to \$16 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 \$1.4 billion has been allocated to Illinois for infrastructure resilience including \$92.9 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:** \$28.1 million has been allocated to cleaning up Superfund and brownfield sites. Approximately \$201.5 million has been allocated to Illinois 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.

## **Illinois Project Spotlights**

### ***Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Spotlight***

#### **State of Illinois Community Charging Program**

The Illinois Finance Authority will receive \$14.9 million to install community charging sites to fill gaps in access to electric vehicle charging infrastructure. The project includes 273 project locations. In total, 845 Level-2 EV charging stations and 36 DC fast charge stations will be installed statewide.

See [here](#) for recently announced funding for Charging and Fueling Infrastructure grants.

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

#### **Chicago Union Station Upgrades**

Chicago Union Station will receive a total of \$94 million across two projects for upgrades to its passenger platforms. Chicago Union Station (CUS) is one of the busiest rail stations in the country, service 16 Amtrak routes and 6 commuter lines. The first project will reactivate an unused mail platform, adding extra passenger capacity and enabling construction to upgrade existing platforms. The second project will upgrade passenger platforms and enhance ventilation systems, which will improve air quality throughout the station. Both projects will add capacity to the station, reduce delays, and prepare Chicago Union Station for future rail expansions and increased service.

See [here](#) for more information on awarded Fed-State National rail projects.

## ***Hydrogen Hubs Spotlight***

### **Midwest Hydrogen Hub**

The Department of Energy awarded up to \$1 billion to Illinois, Indiana, and Michigan for the Midwest Hydrogen Hub. This Hub will produce clean hydrogen from renewable and nuclear energy and natural gas with carbon capture, and it will be used for industry, such as steel and glass production, transportation, and power generation. The decarbonization of these sectors will reduce carbon emissions by approximately 3.9 million metric tons per year—equivalent to removing emissions from more than 867,000 gasoline powered cars annually—improving air quality through avoided criteria pollutant emissions. The Midwest Hydrogen Hub anticipates creating 13,600 direct jobs—12,100 in construction jobs and 1,500 permanent jobs and plans to create a Community Benefits Advisory Working Group in addition to localized advisory councils.

See [here](#) for recently announced funding for the Regional Clean Hydrogen Hubs Program.

## ***Rail Improvement Spotlight***

### **Metra Commuter Railroad Improvements**

The Department of Transportation awarded \$117 million to the Metra Commuter Railroad in Illinois to make improvements on the Metra Union Pacific-North line on a two-mile corridor from the Addison to Fullerton rail bridges, replacing approximately 11 bridges, 4 miles of track structure, and more than 1.75 miles of retaining walls along Metra's UP-N line.

See [here](#) for recently announced funding for Mega Grants across the country.

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

### **Calumet River Bridges Rehabilitation**

The Department of Transportation awarded the City of Chicago with \$144 million to rehabilitate four bridges over the Calumet River on the Southside of Chicago. The Calumet River connects Lake Michigan with the Lake Calumet Port District, which is further connected to the Illinois River providing access to the Gulf of Mexico. Each bridge lifts an average of 5,000 times per year, providing continuous and safe access for marine traffic to and from the Port and surrounding industry. Rehabilitating these bridges ensures that communities on either side of the river remain connected and the bridges continue to function to allow barge and ship traffic to traverse to the Illinois

International Port and beyond. The project will eliminate a load restriction and truck detours. It will also add dedicated bike lanes and improved sidewalks to support community connections.

See [here](#) for more information on large bridge grant recipients in 2022.

### ***Waterways Project Spotlight***

#### **Upper Mississippi River System Locks Construction and Modernization**

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will invest \$829 million in the Upper Mississippi River System, which forms the Missouri/Illinois/Iowa border, to strengthen U.S. supply chains and help Illinois farmers get crops to market. The funding will go to the construction of a new 1,200-foot lock at Lock and Dam 25, as well as modernization of existing locks and dams and environmental restoration projects.

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

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

#### **Rural Illinois**

The Department of Agriculture has awarded \$18 million to McDonough Telephone Cooperative to deploy a fiber-to-the-premises network in Illinois. The network will connect 1,583 people, 274 farms and 41 businesses to high-speed internet in Hancock, Henderson, McDonough and Warren counties. The company will make internet access affordable through the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) Lifeline and Affordable Connectivity Programs.

See [here](#) to learn more about the USDA's Reconnect Program.

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

#### **Chicago O'Hare International Airport**

The Department of Transportation's Federal Aviation Administration has awarded \$90 million to the Chicago O'Hare International Airport between 2023 and 2024. These awards will fund improvements to Terminal 3 to include increasing the central passenger corridor width, a reconfigured TSA checkpoint, new hold room, a new ADA compliant family restroom, and updates to the baggage system.

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