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

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 Maine. To date, \$2.3 billion in Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding has been announced and is headed to Maine with over 261 specific projects identified for funding. Since the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law passed, approximately \$1.4 billion has been announced for transportation – to invest in roads, bridges, public transit, ports and airports – and roughly \$222 million has been announced for clean water and water infrastructure. Maine received \$352.9 million to connect everyone in the state to reliable high-speed internet and, as of today, more than 99,000 Maine 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 Maine – including rural communities and historically underserved populations – the law makes critical investments that will improve the lives of Mainers and position the state for success.

**Roads and Bridges:** In Maine, there are 355 bridges and over 1,284 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, Maine is expected to receive approximately \$1.5 billion over five years in federal funding for highways and bridges.

- **Announced funding to date:** \$1.1 billion has been announced in Maine for roads, bridges, roadway safety, and major projects. This includes:
  - \$771.8 million in highway formula funding and \$135 million in dedicated formula funding for bridges to date.
  - \$78.6 million through the RAISE program to date.

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

- \$77.1 million through the INFRA program to date.
- \$27.7 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 42,264 homes and small businesses in Maine 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, Maine has received \$352.9 million for high-speed internet. Maine has received \$272 million through the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program to provide access to high-speed internet to everyone in Maine. Maine also received \$30 million in funding to expand middle-mile infrastructure in the state. In addition, about 99,000 households in Maine 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:** \$222 million has been announced to Maine to provide clean and safe water across the state and improve water infrastructure. This includes:
  - \$220 million available to date to provide clean and safe water across the state through the Environmental Protection Agency. Of this funding, \$57 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, Maine would expect to receive approximately \$251 million 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 Maine, where non-white households are 2.2 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 43% of transit vehicles in the state are currently past useful life.

- **Announced funding to date:** Maine has been allocated \$120 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 Maine have been awarded \$13.3 million through the Environmental Protection Agency's Clean School Bus Program. Communities in Maine were awarded \$2 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, Maine should expect to receive roughly \$19 million in formula funding over five years to support the expansion of electric vehicle charging in the state.

- **Announced funding to date:** \$26.1 million has been announced in Maine 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 \$94.7 million has been allocated to Maine for clean energy, energy efficiency, and power. This includes:
  - \$31.2 million for weatherization;

- \$3.7 million through the State Energy Program;
- \$3.3 million through the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program;
- \$38.3 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:** Maine has received approximately \$77.3 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:** Maine has received roughly \$34.7 million for ports and waterways. Maine was awarded \$14.2 million for 1 port project 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. 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 \$44.8 million has been allocated to Maine for infrastructure resilience including \$1.1 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:** \$57.2 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.

## **Maine Project Spotlights**

### ***Charging and Refueling Infrastructure Spotlight***

#### **Town of Deerfield: Public Access EV Charging**

The Recharge Maine Project was awarded \$15 million to fund the installation of 62 DC Fast Charger ports and 520 Level 2 charging ports in more than 70 cities and towns statewide. The project will serve urban and rural areas and encompasses disadvantaged communities.

See [here](#) for more information on awarded Charging and Fueling Infrastructure projects.

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

#### **Downeaster Corridor Track Improvement Project**

The Maine/New Hampshire Downeaster Amtrak route will receive \$27 million to make track improvements between Brunswick, Maine and the Massachusetts/New Hampshire border. These upgrades will reduce delays, improve performance, and enhance safety on this passenger line. It will also benefit the supply chain by reducing delays for freight trains that use this alignment. This project will also prepare the route for future service expansions in the New England region.

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

### ***Grid Resilience Spotlight***

#### **Enhancing Utility Resilience in America's Most Forested State**

Central Maine Power is receiving up to over \$30 million from the Department of Energy to deploy smart grid technologies to reduce the frequency and impact of outages to the communities served. The project will enhance Central Maine Power's ability to identify

faults and to redirect or shut off power to minimize blackouts and avoid further damage. It will also mitigate impacts of extreme weather or natural disasters on grid resiliency.

See [here](#) for more information about recent grid resilience announcement.

### ***Port Project Spotlight***

#### **Portland IMT Reefer Yard Modernization**

The Department of Transportation awarded over \$14 million to modernize a yard at the Portland International Marine Terminal that is used for refrigerated cargoes. The project will construct racks to store containers with refrigerated cargoes, steel frames to house stairs to access containers, lighting, and the electrical infrastructure to enable the containers to be connected to shore power while they are in storage and waiting to be unloaded or transported.

See [here](#) for the full list of FY23 Port Infrastructure Development Program awards.

### ***Middle Mile Broadband Spotlight***

#### **MOOSE (Maine Online Optical Statewide Enabling) Network**

The Department of Commerce awarded approximately \$30 million to Maine to design, build, and operate the MOOSE (Maine Online Optical Statewide Enabling) Network, a new, east-west 531 middle mile fiber optic route that will anchor the state's strategic goal of providing universal broadband access. The Middle Mile Broadband Infrastructure Program plays a critical role in providing quality, affordable high-speed Internet and connecting unserved regions to the Internet backbone.

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

### ***RAISE Grant Spotlight***

#### **Street Rehabilitation Project Spotlight**

The Department of Transportation announced \$25 million in funding to complete improvements to streets in Downtown Sanford. This includes constructing and/or replacing streets, sidewalks, crosswalks with ADA-compliant upgrades, traffic calming effects, roadway features that improve walkability and bike ability, modern underground utility ducts, energy efficient streetlights, adequate parking spaces for electric vehicles, stormwater improvements, and trail connections. It will also construct a park and ride facility on Emerson Street. The complete street improvements will provide more affordable transportation options for the community.

See [here](#) for a full list of the 2022 RAISE Grant recipients.

## ***Highway Rehabilitation Project Spotlight***

### **Downeast Coastal US 1 Rehabilitation Project**

The Department of Transportation has awarded \$33 million to the Maine Department of Transportation to rehabilitate approximately 68 miles of US 1 in Washington County. The project's safety improvements and shoulder widening are expected to significantly reduce the number of lane departure crashes, which are a known safety issue in this corridor. The project will also help improve recreational travel, freight movement, and access to essential services, as it includes segments of the newly designated Bold Coast Scenic Byway and Bikeway, is adjacent to an international land border and seaport, and connects two related tribal communities.

See [here](#) for the full list of 2022 INFRA Grant recipients.

## ***Airport Project Spotlight***

### **Bangor International Airport Terminal Expansion**

The Department of Transportation's Federal Aviation Administration has awarded a \$14.2 million grant to the Bangor International Airport for terminal renovations and expansion that will include replacing the HVAC system, replacement of one ground level boarding gate, construction of a connector between the two terminal buildings and the expansion of the passenger security screening checkpoint. The construction of the connector will provide the air carriers increased flexibility and opportunities to expand service by providing access to gates in both terminal buildings.

See [here](#) for a map and list of the 2022 Airport Terminal awards.