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President Biden’s Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is Delivering in New Jersey

As of October 2023

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 New Jersey. To date, $9.7 billion in Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding has been announced and is headed to New Jersey with over 162 specific projects identified for funding. Since the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law passed, approximately $8.1 billion has been announced for transportation – to invest in roads, bridges, public transit, ports and airports – and roughly $463 million has been announced for clean water and water infrastructure. New Jersey received $263.7 million to connect everyone in the state to reliable high-speed internet and, as of today, more than 296,000 New Jersey 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 New Jersey – including rural communities and historically underserved populations – the law makes critical investments that will improve lives for New Jerseyans and position the state for success.

Roads and Bridges: In New Jersey, there are 455 bridges and over 3,411 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, New Jersey is expected to receive approximately $8.1 billion over five years in federal funding for highways and bridges.

- **Announced funding to date**: To date, $4.9 billion has been announced in New Jersey for roads, bridges, roadway safety, and major projects. This includes:
  
  - $4.1 billion in highway formula funding and $738.4 million in dedicated formula funding for bridges to date.
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- $69 million through the RAISE program and $26 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 43,324 homes and small businesses in New Jersey 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.

- **Announced funding to date:** New Jersey has received $263.7 million through the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program to provide access to high-speed internet to everyone in New Jersey. New Jersey also received $24.2 million in funding to expand middle-mile infrastructure in the state. In addition, about 296,000 households in New Jersey are enrolled in the Affordable Connectivity Program, with more signing up every day. Households can check their eligibility, sign up, and find fully covered internet plans at GetInternet.gov.

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:** To date, $463 million has been announced to New Jersey to provide clean and safe water across the state and improve water infrastructure. This includes:
  
  - $397 million available to date to provide clean and safe water across the state through the Environmental Protection Agency. Of this funding, $131.4 million is dedicated to lead pipe and service line replacement, with another $68.1 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, New Jersey would expect to receive approximately $4.5 billion over five years under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to improve public transit across the state.¹ This funding will expand healthy, sustainable transportation options in New Jersey, where non-white households are 2 times more likely to commute via public transportation and 18% of transit vehicles in the state are currently past useful life.

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¹ 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.

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- **Announced funding to date:** To date, New Jersey has been allocated $1.7 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. This year alone, funding from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law will help double the number of clean public transit buses on America’s roads.

- **Announced funding to date:** To date, schools in New Jersey have been awarded $2.3 million through the Environmental Protection Agency’s Clean School Bus 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, New Jersey should expect to receive roughly $104 million in formula funding over five years to support the expansion of electric vehicle charging in the state.

- **Announced funding to date:** New Jersey has been allocated $59.9 million to date to build out a network of EV chargers across the state.

**Clean Energy & Power:** Power outages cost the U.S. economy more than $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:** To date, approximately $123 million has been allocated to New Jersey for clean energy, energy efficiency, and power. This includes:
  
  o $87.2 million for weatherization;
  
  o $9.8 million through the State Energy Program;
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- $12.9 million through the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program; and
- $12.8 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:** To date, New Jersey has received approximately $113.1 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:** To date, New Jersey has received roughly $118.8 million for ports and waterways. New Jersey was awarded $25 million 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, New Jersey has experienced 24 extreme weather events, costing the state up to $18 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:** To date, approximately $461.2 million has been allocated to New Jersey for infrastructure resilience including $13.3 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...
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- **Announced funding to date:** To date, approximately $224.5 million has been allocated to New Jersey for cleaning up brownfield sites.

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

### New Jersey Project Spotlights

**Rail Project Spotlight**

**Gateway Hudson River Tunnel Project**

This project will receive $3.8 billion to rehabilitate and expand the Hudson River Tunnel between New York and New Jersey, which is over 100 years old, serves 200,000 passengers daily, and was damaged by Superstorm Sandy. The overall Gateway Hudson River Tunnel project will improve resiliency, reliability, and redundancy for New Jersey Transit (NJ Transit) and Amtrak passengers traveling on the Northeast Corridor between New York and New Jersey. Combined with other investments, the total Biden Administration commitment to the tunnel project will be a record $11 billion. The Hudson Tunnel Project is a critical component of the Gateway Program — a comprehensive rail investment program that will improve commuter and intercity services, add needed resiliency and create new capacity for the busiest section of the Northeast Corridor. The project is critical to the northeast regional economy — not only will the project generate $19 billion in economic activity over the Project’s construction period, addressing this critical chokepoint on the Northeast Corridor supports the $50 billion that workers riding on the NEC contribute to the economy annually.

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

**Rail Project Spotlight**

**Point-No-Point Bridge Replacement Project - Phase 2**

The Department of Transportation has awarded $59,136,891 to Conrail for rail infrastructure and safety improvements in New Jersey through the Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) program. The proposed project involves construction activities to complete various improvements to replace the current, obsolete Point-No-Point (PNP) Bridge, a swing-type bascule bridge, with a more resilient and efficient single-leaf bascule drawbridge structure. The PNP Bridge is on Conrail's Passaic and Harsimus line, a critical rail infrastructure component as it connects Norfolk Southern Railway’s and CSX Transportation’s rail lines to the Port of New York and New Jersey. The project will improve rail operations with reduction of open and close times from 5.5 hours to 12 minutes and would reduce the need for trains to take a 12-mile detour, due to the prolonged timeframe it currently takes to close the PNP Bridge. Also, the project will help improve passenger rail service, as it will help

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Amtrak advance other improvements on the Northeast Corridor which will lead to fewer delays to the Port Authority Trans-Hudson (PATH) and New Jersey Transit trains. See here for a full list of CRISI awards.

**Superfund Cleanup Project Spotlight**
**Mansfield Trail Dump Superfund**
The Environmental Protection Agency has selected the Mansfield Trail Dump site for cleanup using Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding. The agency will remove contaminated soil and will begin capping and removing harmful vapors at the source of the contamination. The EPA will also treat the groundwater to remove any harmful pollutants and build a new water line for impacted residents. The soil and groundwater cleanup are expected to cost $11.5 million while the new water line construction is expected to cost $8.7 million.

See here for more information on EPA Superfund cleanup work.

**RAISE Grant Program Project Spotlight**
**Tonnelle Avenue Bridge and Utility Relocation Project**
The Department of Transportation awarded Gateway Development Commission with approximately $25 million to fund the utility relocation and construction of a new approximately 100-foot road bridge to carry Tonnelle Avenue over a new railroad right-of-way for the new Hudson River Tunnel in North Bergen. Safety will be improved for pedestrians crossing Tonnelle Avenue with a new signalized intersection. A focus of the project is to achieve environmental sustainability by reducing idling and traffic delays in an effort to lower greenhouse gas emissions. Additionally, Tonnelle Avenue provides freight trucks access to local communities, which will improve movement of goods and economic development to those communities. Lastly, the project will aim to use innovative project delivery practices to accelerate project delivery.

See here for a full list of RAISE projects.

**Port Project Spotlight**
**Reconstruction of Berth PN-308 at Port Newark**
Port Newark will receive $32 million to reconstruction Berth PN-308. The new berth will have a 75-year service life, increased live load criteria from the current 500 pounds per square foot (psf) to 2,000 psf, and incorporate resiliency enhancements to the new structure such as a high-level platform and prestressed precast concrete planks. Additionally, project activities include demolition and debris removal, pile driving and capping, as well as deck installation.

See here for a list of awarded Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) awards.

**Airport Project Spotlight**
**Atlantic City International Airport**
The Federal Aviation Administration has awarded $4.8 million to the Atlantic City International Airport as part of the Airport Terminal Program. The funds will go toward...
the replacement of two passenger boarding bridges. The project will reduce travel time and increase passenger safety.

See here for a map and list of the Airport Terminal awards.

**INFRA Grant Program Project Spotlight**

**Route 7 Drainage Improvements**
The Department of Transportation awarded $26 million in funding to Hudson County to make drainage improvements on approximately two miles on Route 7, including raising the roadway, adding pump stations, raising and improving a bridge approach, and installing new pipes, inlet structures, outfalls, and flood walls. This roadway is subject to chronic flooding which often causes roadway closure and detour, compromises the safety of the travelers on the roadway, disrupts normal traffic flow, and contributes to pavement deterioration. By raising the roadway and improving the drainage, the project addresses safety issues that occur in wet or icy road conditions from flooding, and avoids closure and detour during extreme weather events for drivers.

See here for the full list of 2022 INFRA Grant recipients.

**Bus Facilities and Low- and No-Emission (Low-No) Vehicle Spotlight**

**New Jersey Transit Corporation**
The Department of Transportation awarded approximately $47 million in FY23 to the New Jersey Transit Corporation to modernize the Hilton Bus Garage for battery-electric buses, which will increase transit service to densely populated communities through improved vehicle deployment. The work will include electrification equipment and a worker training program.

See here for a full list of FY23 Bus and Low- and No-Emission Grant projects.

**Brownfields Cleanup Project Spotlight**

**City of Trenton**
The Environmental Protection Agency awarded approximately $1.9 million to the City of Trenton to clean up the former New Method Cleaners Site. The cleanup site has a history of industrial and commercial activities dating back more than 120 years, including pottery manufacturing, a service station, and a coal and lumber storage distribution facility. It has been vacant since 2015 and the soil and groundwater are contaminated with volatile organic compounds. The Brownfields Cleanup Grant funding will help accelerate clean-up efforts of contaminated sites, spur economic redevelopment, and build safer, more resilient communities for the next generation.

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