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

As of January 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 Utah. To date, \$3.3 billion in Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding has been announced and is headed to Utah with over 252 specific projects identified for funding. Since the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law passed, approximately \$2.2 billion has been announced for transportation – to invest in roads, bridges, public transit, ports and airports – and roughly \$580 million has been announced for clean water and water infrastructure. Utah received \$367.1 million to connect everyone in the state to reliable high-speed internet and, as of today, more than 73,000 Utah 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 Utah – including rural communities and historically underserved populations – the law makes critical investments that will improve lives for Utahns and position the state for success.

**Roads and Bridges:** In Utah, there are 64 bridges and over 1,913 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, Utah is expected to receive approximately \$2.6 billion over five years in federal funding for highways and bridges.

- **Announced funding to date:** \$1.8 billion has been announced in Utah for roads, bridges, roadway safety, and major projects. This includes:
  - \$1.5 billion in highway formula funding and \$135 million in dedicated formula funding for bridges to date.
  - \$50.7 million through the RAISE program and \$76.4 million through the Rural Surface Transportation Grant Program to date.

*Announced Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding is as of January 10, 2024*

**Internet:** High-speed internet is necessary for Americans to do their jobs, participate in school, access health care, and stay connected. Yet over 41,535 homes and small businesses in Utah 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 [here](#).

- **Announced funding to date:** To date, Utah has received \$367.1 million for high-speed internet. Utah has received \$317.4 million through the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program to provide access to high-speed internet to everyone in Utah. In addition, about 73,000 households in Utah 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:** \$580 million has been announced to Utah to provide clean and safe water across the state and improve water infrastructure. This includes:
  - \$152 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 \$39 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, Utah would expect to receive approximately \$665 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 Utah, where non-white households are 1.8 times more likely to commute via public transportation and 21% 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:** Utah has been allocated \$253.3 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 Utah have been awarded \$4.7 million through the Environmental Protection Agency's Clean School Bus Program. In addition, communities in Utah were awarded \$17.1 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, Utah should expect to receive roughly \$36 million in formula funding over five years to support the expansion of electric vehicle charging in the state.

- **Announced funding to date:** Utah has been allocated \$20.8 million to date to build out a network of EV chargers across 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 \$52.5 million has been allocated to Utah for clean energy, energy efficiency, and power. This includes:
  - \$21.7 million for weatherization;
  - \$4.9 million through the State Energy Program;

- \$6.1 million through the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program; and
- \$63 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:** Utah has received approximately \$101.8 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:** Utah has received roughly \$200,000 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. In the last decade, Utah has experienced 11 extreme weather events, costing the state up to \$610 million 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 \$101.5 million has been allocated to Utah for infrastructure resilience.

**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:** Approximately \$11 million has been allocated to Utah for capping orphaned oil and gas wells and reclaiming abandoned mine lands, and \$20.8 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.

## Utah Project Spotlights

### ***Public Transit Spotlight***

#### **Utah Transit Authority Rail Vehicle Replacement**

The Utah Transit Authority is receiving \$60 million to buy 20 new light rail vehicles to replace older vehicles. The project will improve service reliability, safety and significantly improve the accessibility for riders by allowing direct access.

See [here](#) for a full list of Rail Vehicle Replacement Grant awards.

### ***Grid Innovation Spotlight***

#### **PacifiCorp's Equity-aware Enhancement of Grid Resiliency**

The Department of Energy is awarded \$99.6 million to PacifiCorp to improve the power grid in California, Oregon, and Utah. This project invests in regional asset hardening and system automation technologies, while also addressing a critical community and industry need of training new workers. This product will reduce outages per mile per year by 50%, benefit disadvantaged communities and tribal regions, and expand pre-apprenticeships to train over 400 pre-apprentices.

See [here](#) for more information on Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnership program awardees.

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

#### **Central Utah Water Conservancy District - Alpine Aqueduct Reach 1 Risk and Resiliency Project**

The Federal Emergency Management Agency has awarded nearly \$47 million in Orem, Utah through the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) program. Through this funding, Orem will build aqueduct resilience to a fault line, an active landslide and a history of pipeline failures. The BRIC program funds critical mitigation projects and activities to reduce natural hazard risks for states, local communities, tribes and territories.

See [here](#) for the full list of BRIC awards.

### ***Community Wildfire Defense Grant Project Spotlight***

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### **Utah Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands in Central Area**

The Department of Agriculture awarded \$4.7 million to Central Area, Utah to expand fire education and awareness, create Community Fire Hazard Mitigation methodologies, and remove hazardous fuel loading around structures in the Central Area.

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

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

#### **Salt Lake City International Airport**

The Federal Aviation Administration has awarded the Salt Lake City International Airport \$29 million through the Airport Terminals Program. The project will include replacing aging infrastructure in Concourse B, including 16 contact gates and 5 permanent hardstand positions. The expansion will improve the overall passenger experience as well as bring opportunity for good paying jobs.

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

### ***RAISE Grant Program Project Spotlight***

#### **State Route 224 Battery Electric Bus and BRT Project**

The Department of Transportation awarded \$25 million to add a 12-foot, side-running, dedicated bus lanes in both directions of State Route 224 between Kimball Junction and Park City in Summit County, Utah. The project will provide more transportation options and reduce emissions and other negative environmental outcomes by incorporating electric vehicles and renewable energy infrastructure.

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

### ***Low- and No-Emissions Bus Grant Spotlight***

#### **Utah Transit Authority**

The Department of Transportation awarded Utah Transit Authority with approximately \$17 million to buy low-emission compressed natural gas buses to replace older diesel buses on routes that serve disadvantaged communities. The project will help reduce the agency's carbon footprint and improve air quality.

See [here](#) for a full list of low- and no-emissions bus awards.

### ***Renew America's Schools Grant Spotlight***

#### **Kane County School District**

The Department of Energy awarded \$5.7 million to Kane County School District to replace a coal-fired boiler in a public high school located in Kanab, Utah. A high-efficiency rooftop HVAC will provide cooling to classrooms which have not had air conditioning. Additionally, these upgrades will provide an increased volume for clean air exchange, reducing carbon dioxide emissions in the classroom and improving students' health. This first-of-its-kind investment, will help school communities make energy upgrades that will lower utilities costs, improve indoor air quality, and foster healthier learning environments, while prioritizing high-need school communities.

See [here](#) to learn more about the Selectees for the Renew America's Schools grant.

***Legacy Pollution Project Spotlight***

**Glen Canyon and Moab Orphaned Wells**

The Department of the Interior awarded \$1.3 million to Glen Canyon National Park and the Bureau of Land Management's Moab Field Office to reduce the plug hazardous sites and create good-paying jobs through Orphaned Wells Program. The Department of the Interior will assist with the plugging, remediating, and reclaiming of orphaned oil and gas wells processes.

See [here](#) for a full list of legacy pollution projects from the Department of the Interior.