

# **BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE LAW** | 2023 Resource Guide



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# I. Overview

## **The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law provides once-in-a-generation, transformational investment:**

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL; P.L. 117-58), enacted on November 15, 2021, is making higher levels of investment in our nation's infrastructure, benefiting a greater number of communities, and expanding the reach of federal transportation funds to more grant recipients than ever before.

**Record levels of support are reaching states, counties, and cities:** The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) is ensuring \$661 billion of the BIL dedicated for roads, bridges, transit systems, railroads, ports, and airports is reaching states, local governments, transit agencies, planning organizations, airports, ports, and passenger and freight railroads quickly. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is rapidly getting \$13 billion into the hands of communities to upgrade clean water infrastructure.

- ✓ As of January 2023, DOT announced nearly \$200 billion in BIL funds to states and local governments.
- ✓ In the first year of implementation, BIL competitive grants directly funded 6,900 projects reaching over 4,000 communities, while states have initiated more than 29,000 new projects with BIL highway formula dollars.
- ✓ The BIL also provides unprecedented levels of support to local and tribal governments through technical assistance so that smaller communities who are new to accessing federal funds can share in the benefits.

**BIL dollars are helping communities build a better America:** Congressional Democrats set clear priorities during BIL consideration for what infrastructure funds must deliver: address climate change and reduce carbon pollution, combat historic inequities in transportation investments, and improve roadway safety, especially for vulnerable road users. The administration is implementing the BIL to meet these goals.

Projects completed with BIL funds—selected by state and local public entities, not the federal government—are bolstering the economy and quality of life in the communities they serve, enhancing mobility, and supporting cleaner, greener, safer and more equitable infrastructure systems.

**Transportation equals jobs:** The BIL creates good jobs through its infrastructure investments, which have significant positive economic impacts. The BIL also specifically invests in the transportation workforce needed to upgrade to our highway, bridge, transit, cycling and pedestrian, rail, port, airport, and water systems.

## II. Resources

### What's available under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law?

#### ✓ Funding

- The DOT [funding dashboard](#) provides the best one-stop shop to understand the \$661 billion in transportation funding under the BIL. Organized by mode, the interactive dashboard provides an overview of programs and annual funding available.
- Detailed BIL landing pages for each of the DOT modal administrations are also available:
  - [\\$365 billion for highway programs](#)—Federal Highway Administration (FHWA);
  - [\\$108 billion for transit programs](#)—Federal Transit Administration (FTA);
  - [\\$102 billion for rail programs](#)—Federal Railroad Administration (FRA);
  - \$43 billion for multimodal project, safety, and innovation grant programs—Office of the Secretary (OST);
  - [\\$25 billion for aviation programs](#)—Federal Aviation Administration (FAA);
  - [\\$8 billion for safety programs](#)—National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA);
  - [\\$5 billion for motor carrier safety programs](#)—Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA);
  - [\\$2.3 billion for port and waterway programs](#)—Maritime Administration (MARAD);
  - and
  - [\\$1 billion for modernization of natural gas distribution pipelines](#)—Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA).
- The [EPA landing page](#) for the BIL provides overview information for EPA programs under the law, including clean water, pollution clean up and prevention, and clean school buses. More details on water infrastructure funding can be found [here](#) and [here](#). More information on grant funding to help remediate community brownfields can be found [here](#) and [here](#).

#### ✓ Grant Opportunities

- A list of all DOT BIL grant opportunities can be found [here](#).
- The [Guidebook to the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law](#) details each of the more than 375 programs under the BIL. At 459 pages, the guide is probably most useful to locate details on a particular grant or funding opportunity or to see which grants are eligible to fund a particular category of projects (e.g., surface transportation safety).
- In FY 2023 alone, \$32 billion is available under the BIL for competitive grants. DOT publishes anticipated dates for BIL [upcoming Notices of Funding Opportunity for](#)

[competitive grants](#). The White House also puts out a list of all [open and upcoming BIL funding opportunities](#).

- ✓ Guides & Playbooks

- The [Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Tribal Playbook](#) details the \$13 billion available in funding to directly support Tribal communities, including how and when to apply for funds.
- The [Rural Playbook](#) is designed to help rural communities navigate and access BIL funding, including specific set-asides for rural areas.
- [Advancing Equitable Workforce Development for Infrastructure Jobs](#) details the more than \$800 million in dedicated BIL funding for workforce development as well as other federal funding sources available to support workforce initiatives.

## What is the BIL delivering for my state & Congressional District?

- ✓ White House state-by-state fact sheets of BIL benefits can be found [here](#) (updated as of February 2023). *See Committee social media suggestions related to this resource under Press Materials.*
- ✓ DOT also issued state-by-state [fact sheets](#) on formula dollars provided under the BIL.
- ✓ The White House has produced a summary [map](#) detailing, by state, the \$185 billion in BIL funding announced as of January 2023.



- ✓ This interactive [map](#) of BIL projects provides more granular detail on locations of over 20,000 projects that received formula funds or competitive grant awards.
- ✓ The American Road & Transportation Builders Association (ARTBA) compiles and regularly updates [a highway dashboard](#) that shows BIL highway and bridge dollars at work. This website lists every project that has advanced with the \$303.5 billion in BIL highway formula funds and is updated monthly. Data is organized in a clickable map by state and can also be pulled up by specific

Congressional District. *See Committee social media suggestions related to this resource under Press Materials.*

### How can my community get more assistance?

- ✓ [USDOT Navigator](#) is a one-stop shop for technical assistance resources that are available through DOT to “help communities understand the best ways to apply for grants, and to plan for and deliver transformative infrastructure projects and services.” This site provides a wealth of resources for experienced and new grant applicants seeking to secure BIL and other DOT discretionary grant funding. A sample of topics include:
  - [USDOT Discretionary Grant Process](#): What’s the process to apply for federal grants?
  - [How to Navigate Grants.gov to Submit Applications](#)
  - [Discretionary Grant Preparation Checklist for Prospective Applicants](#) (for FY 2023)
  - Maximizing Award Success: tips on how to writing a grant application to [maximize chances of securing a grant](#) and understand [how DOT uses evaluation criteria](#) to select applications.
  - [Non-Federal Match Requirements](#): Understanding whether and at what level local funds are required for projects that receive DOT funding.
  - [Tools to Determine Disadvantaged Community Status](#): How to determine whether a community meets “disadvantaged community status” for certain DOT grants.
  - [Is Federal Funding the Right Fit for My Organization](#): Provides a list of considerations prior to applying, and potential partnership opportunities with eligible entities if an organization can’t access federal funds on its own.
- ✓ The BIL [Technical Assistance Guide](#) by the White House details how communities can apply for direct technical assistance funds (money designed to help these communities build capacity to carry out infrastructure projects). The BIL provides at least \$700 million in dedicated funding across more than 65 initiatives, focused on helping communities apply for and deploy federal infrastructure funding. The guide is organized by topic area (transportation, broadband, water, energy etc.) with links to specific technical assistance grants.
- ✓ The Federal Highway Administration, which carries out \$365 billion in total funding under BIL, has its own [support page](#) to provide technical assistance to local agencies for planning, design, preservation and construction of public roads and in the stewardship of federal funds.
- ✓ The Federal Railroad Administration, which for the first time in history has grant funding certainty for five years under the BIL, has its own [landing page](#) to provide updates on its corridor development planning and capital grant funding opportunities.



### III. Engagement Tools

#### Survey and highlight transportation assets and needs in your District

- ✓ ARTBA has launched a new resource, [Transportation Information at-a-Glance](#) which provides information by state and by Congressional District including: an infrastructure asset inventory; safety, mobility, and goods movement data; the economic impacts of transportation; and other related information. *See Committee social media suggestions related to this resource under Press Materials.*
- ✓ ARTBA's regularly updated [Bridge Report](#) organizes detailed data from the National Bridge Inventory in a user-friendly format, highlighting deficient bridges and those in poor condition in each state and Congressional District.

#### Showcase the importance of these assets and funding needs

- ✓ Meet with transportation officials and potential BIL project sponsors and grant applicants. This is a great way to learn about critical needs and planned future projects in your district. [Transportation Contacts Near You](#) is a starting point to help identify:
  - U.S. DOT regional offices in your area,
  - Contacts in your state DOT,
  - Regional metropolitan planning organizations (MPO) in your state and area,
  - Local transit agencies in your state or district (compiled by the American Public Transportation Association).
- ✓ Meet with mayors, city council members, county executives and state legislators to hear what the transportation and infrastructure priorities are for your district—and how these priorities may differ depending on the level of government.
- ✓ Plan site visits and tours at projects or facilities during district work periods and invite local transportation leaders or elected officials to join.

#### Support and amplify projects

- ✓ For competitive grant awards, Congress receives advance notification of award decisions prior to their announcement. For most grants, agencies are required to provide 3-day advance notice under appropriations law. DOT notifies Congressional offices in whose districts a project is located via an automated email system.
- ✓ Press releases, social media posts, and other efforts are great ways to amplify these grant awards and let your constituents know about the impact of federal funds in their communities. Committee staff provides support to Democratic Member offices for many grants as well—see press kit section for sample releases.

- ✓ Members can also provide crucial support for projects in need of funding. Highlighting assets and facilities in need of improvement using the tools in this guide is a good first step. Congressional offices can help local communities in your district determine if federal funding is right for a project by connecting them with technical assistance resources at DOT or with Committee staff. Once a project decides to pursue a grant, letters of support for the project and other outreach from the Member office to the relevant federal agency can also be helpful to secure assistance.

## IV. Sample Press Materials

### State-by-State Fact Sheets

[State-by-state fact sheets](#) produced by the White House provide more detailed information about announced BIL funding and projects in each state, along with funding by category that will become available over the next 5 years.

#### *Sample Social*

1. In [STATE], there are [X] bridges and [X] roads in poor condition.

To change that, the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law provides \$[X] to repair, rebuild, and restore our state's crumbling roads and bridges.

2. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is the largest single investment in our water infrastructure ever and is the first source of funding dedicated to removing "forever chemicals" from water.

[STATE] is receiving \$[X] to ensure that communities have access to clean water.

3. Public transit needs to be convenient, accessible and reliable. That's why the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is investing \$[X] in [STATE] to ensure that our transit systems are accessible, greener, faster, and more efficient.
4. Whether you use transit to get to school, buy groceries, or commute, the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is making each trip greener. The law has already invested \$[X] for [STATE] to upgrade, replace, and buy new zero and low emission buses to get folks where they need to be.
5. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is tackling the climate crisis while creating good jobs and saving families money. Right now, funding from the law is helping create a network of EV chargers across the country, including \$[X] for [STATE].
6. It's time we modernize America's airports.



The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to date has given [STATE] \$[X] to upgrade [AIRPORT]'s infrastructure, create jobs, and ensure that travelers have better experiences before, during, and after they fly.

7. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is working to improve our supply chains, reduce congestion, and ensure that goods are transported safely and efficiently. In [STATE], the law has already given \$[X] to strengthen [NUMBER] ports and waterways.

*If your state number is not available, consider sharing the total nationwide investment: \$17 billion.*

8. The climate crisis is real. [STATE] has had [NUMBER] [extreme weather events/natural disasters] in the last decade.

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is working to combat extreme weather and natural disasters by investing \$[X] in [STATE]'s infrastructure resilience.

9. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is working to address damage from legacy pollution sites that disproportionately harm Black and Hispanic Americans. My state of [STATE] is receiving \$[X] to clean up these toxic sites.
10. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is delivering historic investments across the country including \$[X] for [STATE] to improve critical infrastructure like roads and bridges and safer transit. But that's not all, it also will create good-paying jobs right here at home.
11. The United States is ranked 13<sup>th</sup> in the world in infrastructure.

It's time for a comeback.

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law will deliver historic investments so our communities and economies can thrive for decades to come.

12. Tackling the climate crisis can't wait. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is investing in cleaner and greener transportation systems that are also safer and more accessible. That means cleaner transit, greener airports, resilient roads and bridges, EV charging stations, and more.
13. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is improving quality of life in [STATE]'s [CD Number] District and beyond. From more efficient transit and stronger supply chains, to safer roads and greener airports, the law is working to ensure that our infrastructure works for everyone.

14. Bad news: [X] of [STATE]'s [X] bridges are structurally deficient.

Good news: the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law provided \$[X million/billion] to repair bridges in the state in 2022 and 2023.

## ARTBA Highway Dashboard

This resource tracks highway and bridge formula and discretionary funds by state and congressional district, demonstrating how the investments in the BIL are improving infrastructure in communities across the country.

### *Sample Social*

15. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law provides [STATE] a total of \$[X] to improve roadways and bridges. Since the passage of this transformative law, [DISTRICT/STATE] and has put this investment to work on [X] new highway projects.

I'm working with @HouseDemocrats to ensure the law continues to deliver for the American people.

16. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is providing a \$[X] RAISE grant to support [GRANT RECIPIENT] [PROJECT DESCRIPTION] This funding will help increase mobility in [DISTRICT/STATE] while creating jobs.

17. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law provides \$[X] for the Bridge Investment Program to support [GRANT RECIPIENT] [PROJECT DESCRIPTION] This funding will help better connect communities in [DISTRICT/STATE] while creating jobs.

Select your state or Congressional District [HERE and view](#) the tables titled "FY 2022 & 2023 New Project Commitments" to cite specific projects in your social, including:

- Highway repair and reconstruction
- Bridge retrofiting
- New bike/pedestrian routes
- Improving street designs

These examples concretely demonstrate to constituents the investments being made in communities. The BIL also bolsters the state-federal partnership, making larger-scale projects possible that improve quality of life and tackle communities' toughest challenges.



## ARTBA Transportation Information

Transportation Information At-A-Glance (<https://transpoinfo.org/>) profiles transportation and infrastructure facilities across the United States. The tool was designed to provide detail on the scope, funding and economic impact of these assets. ARTBA highlights that using this tool, you can:

- Learn the scope of transportation systems in your state or congressional district.
- See how your state receives and deploys federal funding for transportation projects.
- Explore how transportation employs jobs in each state directly and indirectly.

### *Sample Social*

18. Thanks to the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, we're rebuilding [STATE]'s [CD NUMBER] district:

- [X] miles of highways
- [X] bridges
- [X] miles of freight railroads
- [X] miles of passenger railroads
- [X] commercial airports
- [X] waterways

All while creating jobs!

19. [DIRECT EMPLOYMENT]

That's the number of jobs in [DISTRICT/STATE] that are building and rebuilding our transportation infrastructure, making our community greener, cleaner, safer, and more accessible.

Find the direct employment number in your district by selecting your district and using the direct employment figure on the Economic Impacts category.

20. [JOBS SUPPORTED BY THE TRANSPORTATION SECTOR (*Direct and Indirect*)]

The transportation sector supports [X] jobs in the [DISTRICT] alone and [X] jobs across [STATE]. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is helping put people to work building and rebuilding our roads, bridges, rail, transit, airports, ports, and water resources infrastructure.

21. Investing in transportation means investing in people. In [DISTRICT/STATE], [X] people are working to make our transportation systems better for the environment, more reliable and more accessible.

22. Transportation = jobs.

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is creating good-paying jobs across the country. In [DISTRICT/STATE], [X] businesses and agencies employ [X] people, totaling \$[X] million per year in wages.

23. The impact of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law goes beyond the building phase. It will create jobs, provide greater access to opportunities and help businesses thrive. Today's job number of [X] in [STATE/DISTRICT] will continue to grow thanks to BIL investments.

24. Did you know that [X]% of workers in [STATE]'s [CD Number] District commute via car, averaging [X] minutes one way? That's a lot of time behind the wheel. Fortunately, the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is investing \$[X million/billion] to improve roads and bridges.

25. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is making our economy stronger by investing in roads, freight rail, ports, waterways, and more—moving goods more efficiently and reliably. That's great news for [STATE], which is expected to see a [X]% increase in freight shipments by 2050.

26. [X]% of [STATE]'s domestic freight is shipped out of state, making it a driver of our regional and national economy. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is creating more efficient and reliable supply chains with investments in our roads, ports, airports and more.

27. U.S. traffic fatalities are at a 16-year high. In 2020, my district alone saw [X] highway fatalities. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is investing over \$37 billion nationally to make roads safer for all road users, including cyclists, walkers, and vulnerable road users.

28. In [STATE], [X]% of fatal crashes happened on rural roads. Everyone deserves to be safe on the road. In fact, the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law provides funds for states to invest in high-risk rural roads and provides \$2 billion in rural road grants.

29. [STATE] is putting \$[X million/billion] to work improving our roads and bridges. In my district, we'll tackle projects like [\[Top Federal-Aid Highway Projects\]](#).

30. In order to deliver safe and reliable transit, states like [STATE] need support. In fact, [X]% of transit revenue comes from the federal government. Thanks to the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, we can expect to receive \$[X million/billion] to get people where they need to be.

31. Airports connect the world. That's why last year alone the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law invested \$[X] million in major airports in [STATE] to improve terminals, runways, roads, and other airport facilities.



## **Sample Press Releases**

### **Low or No Emission Program**

The Low or No Emission Program makes purchasing zero-emission and low-emission transit buses for schools and public transit more accessible for communities.

Download a sample press release [here](#).

### **Port Infrastructure Development Program**

The Port Infrastructure Development Program improves ports and freight infrastructure as demand for freight grows. This funding increases reliability and efficiency to get goods to both urban and rural communities faster.

Download a sample press release [here](#).

### **PROTECT Grants**

The PROTECT Grants are the first of their kind to address extreme weather events including but not limited to wildfires, flooding, and extreme heat. The funding will make our nation more resilient, increase evacuation routes, and upgrade at risk infrastructure.

Download a sample press release [here](#).

### **Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail Grant Program**

This program funds capital projects that reduce the state of good repair backlog, improve performance, or expand or establish new intercity passenger rail service.

Download a sample press release [here](#) for non-Northeast Corridor projects. Download a sample press release [here](#) for Northeast Corridor projects.