



City of Dallas

Federal Legislative Update

**Ad Hoc Committee on Legislative
Affairs**

**Transportation & Infrastructure
Committee**

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Overview



- Overview of the Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act (IIJA / HR 3864/PL 117-xx)
- Next Steps
- Questions



Federal Infrastructure Bills



- Reminder - there are two bills:
 - The \$1.2 trillion Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act (HR 3684 / PL 117-xx) that the President signed Monday
 - The \$1.75 trillion Build Back Better budget reconciliation bill (HR 5376)



Summary of IIJA (HR 3684 / PL 117-xx)



- IIJA best understood as three bills wrapped into one
 - Divisions A-C are a 5-year, \$476.8 billion reauthorization of surface transportation programs
 - Division D-I authorize other infrastructure investments
 - Division J is a 5-year advance appropriations bill providing \$520 billion for a wide array of infrastructure investments



Generally, a status quo bill

- Highways = average of \$63 billion/yr (+26%)
- Transit = average of \$17 billion/yr (+36%)
- Intercity Passenger Rail = average of \$36 billion/yr (+140%)

Most funds will be allocated by formula to state DOTs, MPOs, transit agencies, and Amtrak

IIJA – Surface Transportation Reauthorization



- Although the reauthorization is generally a status quo bill:
 - It includes some new programs targeted to climate, resiliency, and community impacts
- In addition, because it is part of IIJA, which includes advance appropriations for a wide array of infrastructure programs, intercity passenger rail programs and other non-HTF programs will be funded over the life of the bill.



IIJA – Surface Transportation Reauthorization



Selected Highlights:

- An increase in the Transportation Alternatives Program from the current level of \$850 million per year to an average of \$1.44 billion per year through FY 2026 (+69%) and an increase in the share of TAP funds sub-allocated MPOs from 50% to 59%,
- \$650 million annually for a new Bridge Discretionary Program (which also receives funding in the new spending side of IIJA for a total of \$12b over five years),
- \$1.74 billion annually for transportation-related resiliency, most of which will be state formula grants, with \$280m per year for discretionary grants
- \$1.28 billion annually to a Carbon Reduction formula program allocated to state DOTs



IIJA – Competitive Transportation Grants



Program	Authorization in IIJA (Over 5 Years)	Funding in IIJA (Over 5 Years)
National Infrastructure Assistance	\$10 billion	\$5 billion
Local & Regional Project Assistance (RAISE)	\$7.5 billion	\$7.5 billion
National Culvert, Removal, Replacement & Restoration	\$4 billion	\$1 billion
Nationally Significant Freight & Highway Projects (INFRA)	\$14 billion	\$8 billion
Strengthening Mobility & Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART)	\$500 million	\$500 million
Bridge Discretionary	\$6.53 billion	\$12.6 billion
Safe Streets & Roads for All	\$1 billion	\$5 billion
Reconnecting Communities Pilot	\$500 million	\$1 billion
Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, & Cost-saving Transportation (PROTECT) Discretionary	\$1.4 billion	\$1.4 billion
Charging & Refueling Infrastructure	\$2.5 billion	\$2.5 billion
Congestion Relief	\$250 million	\$250 million
Active Transportation Pilot	\$1 billion	\$0
Healthy Streets	\$500 million	\$0
Airport Terminal	\$5 billion	\$5 billion
Railroad Grade Crossing Elimination	\$3 billion	\$3 billion
Consolidated Rail Safety & Infrastructure	\$10 billion	\$5 billion
Federal State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail	\$7.5 billion	\$36 billion
Intercity Passenger Rail Restoration & Enhancement Grants	\$250 million	\$250 million
Stopping Threats on Pedestrians	\$25 million	\$0
Section 5339 Bus & Bus Facilities Competitive Grants	\$2.341 billion	\$2.341 billion
Section 5339 No or Low Emission Grants	\$374.6 million	\$375.6 million
Section 5309 Fixed Guideway Capital Investment Grants	\$15 billion	\$8 billion
Reduction of Emissions at Port Facilities	\$250 million	\$400 million
Nationally Significant Federal Land & Tribal Projects	\$1.175 billion	\$275 million
Prioritization Process Pilot	\$50 million	\$50 million
Transportation Resilience & Adaptation Centers of Excellence	\$500 million	\$0
		\$105.44 billion

IIJA – Other Infrastructure



- \$550 million for EECBG (FY 2022)
 - *Only direct formula funding to local governments in IIJA*
- \$65 billion for Broadband
- \$11.7 billion each for Clean Water SRLF and Drinking Water SRLF
- \$15 billion for Drinking Water SRLF lead pipe replacement
- \$1 billion for State & Local Cybersecurity Grants
- \$17.5 billion for USACE civil works
- \$1.2 billion for Brownfields



IIJA – Broadband



New Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program (\$42.45 billion)

Allocated to states by formula

- Deployment to unserved and underserved areas
- Connecting eligible community anchor institutions
- Data collection, broadband mapping, and planning
- Installing internet or Wi-Fi infrastructure or providing reduced-cost broadband within a multifamily residential building in low- and moderate-income neighborhoods
- Broadband adoption (including providing affordable internet-capable devices)



New Middle Mile Grant Program (\$1 billion)

Competitive Grants

Middle-mile infrastructure is any broadband infrastructure that does not connect directly to an end-user

IIJA – Broadband



Emergency Broadband Benefit

Households via providers

- Makes the program permanent
- \$30/month subsidy for broadband service for households up to 200% of poverty that qualify for other federal benefits (Nutrition, SSI, Veterans Pension, etc.)



Private Activity Bonds

- Allows use of PABs for broadband infrastructure in underserved neighborhoods
- Exempts 75% of broadband PABs from the state volume cap

IIJA – Drinking Water



Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund

Formula Grants to States

- \$11.7 billion over 5 years
- \$15 billion over 5 years for for lead service line replacement
- \$4 billion to address emerging contaminants



IIJA – Clean Water



Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund

Formula Grants to States

- \$11.7 billion over 5 years
- \$1 billion to address emerging contaminants





New State & Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (\$1 billion over 5 years)

Formula Grants to states

- States must consult with local governments as they develop their plans for the cybersecurity grants and state their plans must address local government cybersecurity
- States must pass 80% of their allocation to local governments within 45 days “without imposing unreasonable, or unduly burdensome requirements as a condition of receipt”
- Allows local governments to petition DHS for a direct allocation if a state does not meet the timeliness requirement.



Next Steps



- Identify key City priorities to match with potential funding opportunities over the next five years
- Work with the state as they develop plans for new federal programs and funds



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