
INVESTING IN AMERICA

President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is Delivering in Mississippi

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 Mississippi. To date, \$5 billion in Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding has been announced and is headed to Mississippi with over 387 specific projects identified for funding. Since the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law passed, approximately \$2.6 billion has been announced for transportation – to invest in roads, bridges, public transit, ports and airports – and roughly \$244 million has been announced for clean water and water infrastructure. Mississippi received \$1.4 billion to connect everyone in the state to reliable high-speed internet and, as of today, more than 244,000 Mississippi 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 Mississippi – including rural communities and historically underserved populations – the law makes critical investments that will improve the lives of Mississippians and position the state for success.

Roads and Bridges: In Mississippi, there are 1,097 bridges and over 5,690 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, Mississippi is expected to receive approximately \$3.6 billion over five years in federal funding for highways and bridges.

- **Announced funding to date:** \$2.3 billion has been announced in Mississippi for roads, bridges, roadway safety, and major projects. This includes:
 - \$2 billion in highway formula funding and \$135 million in dedicated formula funding for bridges to date.

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

- \$43.9 million through the RAISE program to date.
- \$35 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 268,365 homes and small businesses in Mississippi 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, Mississippi has received \$1.4 billion for high-speed internet. Mississippi has received \$1.2 billion through the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program to provide access to high-speed internet to everyone in Mississippi. In addition, about 244,000 households in Mississippi 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:** \$244 million has been announced to Mississippi to provide clean and safe water across the state and improve water infrastructure. This includes:
 - \$242 million available to date to provide clean and safe water across the state through the Environmental Protection Agency. Of this funding, \$59.2 million is dedicated to lead pipe and service line replacement, with another \$74.5 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, Mississippi would expect to receive approximately \$218 million 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 Mississippi, where non-white households are 2.9

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.

times more likely to commute via public transportation and 55% of transit vehicles in the state are currently past useful life.

- **Announced funding to date:** Mississippi has been allocated \$103.8 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 Mississippi have been awarded \$47.8 million through the Environmental Protection Agency's Clean School Bus Program. Communities in Mississippi were awarded \$16.9 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, Mississippi should expect to receive roughly \$51 million in formula funding over five years to support the expansion of electric vehicle charging in the state.

- **Announced funding to date:** \$29 million has been announced in Mississippi 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 \$155.2 million has been allocated to Mississippi for clean energy, energy efficiency, and power. This includes:
 - \$28.1 million for weatherization;

- \$5.5 million through the State Energy Program;
- \$3.8 million through the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program;
- \$18.9 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:** Mississippi has received approximately \$92.4 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:** Mississippi has received roughly \$58.2 million for ports and waterways. Mississippi was awarded \$14.9 million for 2 port projects 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, Mississippi has experienced 37 extreme weather events, costing the state up to \$4.7 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:** Approximately \$473.4 million has been allocated to Mississippi for infrastructure resilience including \$227.4 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:** \$39.5 million has been allocated to cleaning up Superfund and brownfield sites. Approximately \$11.8 million has been allocated to Mississippi for capping orphaned oil and gas wells and reclaiming abandoned mine lands.

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

Mississippi Project Spotlights

Rail Project Spotlight

Gulf Coast Corridor Improvement Project

The Department of Transportation has awarded over \$178.4 million to the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) for rail infrastructure and safety improvements in Mississippi through the Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) program. The proposed project involves project development, final design and construction activities for various track and signal-related improvements, upgrades to certain grade crossings, and improvements to certain stations along a key rail corridor in the Gulf Coast region, from New Orleans to Mobile. The project will help facilitate the introduction of intercity passenger rail service (two round trip trains per day) while mitigating potential adverse impacts to freight operations from CSX Transportation, Norfolk Southern Railway, and the Port of Mobile, as well as help achieve targeted trip times and service reliability.

See [here](#) for a full list of CRISI awards.

Roads Project Spotlight

Harrison and Hancock Corridor

The Department of Transportation awarded \$60 million to the Mississippi Department of Transportation to widen I-10 in Harrison and Hancock counties along a major freight corridor of regional significance.

See [here](#) for recently announced Mega Grant funding.

Resilience Project Spotlight

Mississippi Coastal Improvement Plan

The Army Corps of Engineers will invest \$77 million to restore the Mississippi barrier islands. This project will increase resilience to storms, prevent saltwater intrusion and shoreline erosion, and bolster tourism.

See [here](#) for a list of announced U.S. Army Corps projects.

Port Infrastructure Development Project Spotlight

Project Steel Wheel - Columbus Dock Expansion

The Department of Transportation awarded \$6.1 million to Columbus, Mississippi for the design, engineering, construction, and inspection of a new rail spur with approximately 10,000 linear feet of track and three transload docks that will provide direct rail access for transloading cargo between barges and railcars at the Lowndes County West Bank Port. The port does not currently have direct rail access and the new rail spur will connect the port terminal to an existing railroad line operated by Kansas City Southern.

See [here](#) for the full list of Port Infrastructure Development Grant Awards.

RAISE Grant Program Project Spotlight

Completing the Mississippi River Greenway

The Department of Transportation awarded Dakota County with approximately \$8 million to complete an approximate 2.4-mile gap of trail along the Mississippi River Greenway. The project will also include safety improvements at road and rail crossings, wayfinding, and natural resource restoration. Improvements to the trail are estimated to result in increases to employment and tourism. The project addresses safety, environmental sustainability, mobility and community connectivity, economic competitiveness and opportunity, partnership and collaboration, and innovation.

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