



Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Update: LCTA 2023 Annual Meeting

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## Hello from Secretary Pete & BIL Update



"We have so far funded 37,000 projects, just so far in this administration. About 31,000 of those have to do with transportation. And every one of those is creating opportunity. -- Whether you professionally work in the transportation sector or not. All of us have so much to say, because all of us depend on being able to move around to get through life."



Secretary of Transportation, Pete Buttigieg

### What Are We Up To?



#### Safe and Innovative Practices in Transportation

Spurring on innovations in safety, reducing injuries and preventable deaths

Creating quality jobs for an equitable, sustainable, and innovative economy

Foster partnerships for growth and transformative projects



## **Key Areas of Focus**







Enabling nextgeneration technologies Safe, efficient, & equitable transportation landscape



## Bipartisan Infrastructure Law – \$1.2 Trillion Investment in **America's Future**



Total transportation funding in this five-year package is over \$660 billion, including the following over five years:



FAA: \$25 Billion



FHWA: \$365 Billion



FRA: \$102 Billion



NHTSA: \$8 Billion



FTA: \$107 Billion



MARAD: \$2 Billion



FMCSA: \$5 Billion



**Billion** 



OST: \$43 Billion

+ Over \$26 billion in state and local safety programs

\$39 billion to modernize public transit

\$17 billion for ports and waterways

\$25 billion for airport modernization & repair





#### **Formula**

- Funding given out to specified recipients once criteria are met.
- Distributed mostly by state DOTs, Tribal recipients and transit authorities.
- Funding allocated based on formula set by Congress.

#### **Discretionary**

- Competitive grant process
- Agency sets specific standards and preferences.
- BIL includes first-time eligibility for many local entities to apply directly for these opportunities.









Spotlight on Some of the BIL Investments Impacting Illinoisians since 2021

\$149 million via National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure program.

Of which, \$53.7 million has been allocated by Illinois DOT



\$117 million to the Metra Commuter Railroad. Making improvements on the Metra Union Pacific-North line.



\$4.5 billion available over five years for public transit in Illinois.

With over \$850 million allocated so far by Illinois DOT.



#### **Current/Upcoming Discretionary Funding Opportunities**



- Bridge Investment Program: OPEN UNTIL November 27, 2023
  - o Repairing and reinvesting in bridges and bridges roadways via FHWA.
- Fueling Aviation's Sustainable Transition (FAST): OPEN UNTIL November 27, 2023
  - o Investments to accelerate sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) development and production via FAA.
- *Thriving Communities Program:* OPEN UNTIL November 28, 2023
  - Provides support for disadvantaged communities to build capacity for infrastructure project development via OST.
- Low Carbon Transportation Materials Grants: OPENING SOON
  - Reimbursing for and incentivizing the use of low-emission construction materials via FHWA.
- Low or No Emission Grant Program: OPENING IN Q1 2024
  - Funding the purchase of low-emission transit buses as well as acquisition, construction, and leasing of required supporting facilities via FTA.



#### **Low-No Emissions Grant Program**

A snapshot of this upcoming funding opportunity!

- Provides funding to purchase or lease zero-emission and low-emission transit buses and for acquisition, construction, and leasing of required supporting facilities.
- Eligible applicants include State Governments; Local Governments; Federally Recognized Tribes and Affiliated Groups; Transportation Providers and Operators.
- Eligible activities include Construction; Equipment and Materials; Technical Assistance, Workforce Development, and Training/Education; Climate and Sustainability; Accessibility.



- Annual award of \$71-78 million per year for FY22-26







Using innovative mechanisms to advance investments in transportation projects.

- The Bureau engages in outreach, proactive educational opportunities and technical assistance for potential borrowers under the Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) and the Railroad Rehabilitation and Improvement Financing (RRIF) provision.
- The Bureau has a variety of specific resources for projects based on transportation mode and project scope.
- BAB uses innovative financing and technical assistance to include disadvantaged communities and those formerly left out of transportation project planning, implementation, and federal financing more broadly.



#### **How We Can Work Together!**

We can move forward towards a better transportation future, together.

- Stay in touch with us on BIL opportunities for projects to benefit YOUR community.
  - Make sure you and your colleagues are aware of these project funding & opportunities as well!
- Communicate with Illinois DOT, field offices, and regional offices to learn more about formula and discretionary funding opportunities.
- Engage in meaningful & intentional public engagement with stakeholders reflective of YOUR community
  - o Those in your community know how projects can best serve them!
- Invite us to your events, ribbon cuttings or convenings!



## Public Involvement in Transportation!











# Thank You!

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