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The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (Infrastructure Law) signed in November 2021 was the largest investment made in the nation's infrastructure since President Eisenhower's investment in the interstate highway system. The Infrastructure Law provides funding covering roads, bridges and rails, just to name a few. The White House currently has announced that 56,000 projects have been awarded for a cumulative amount of \$454 billion. As listed on the White House's interactive map, here are a few projects to note:

Brent Spence Bridge, Covington, KY and Cincinnati, OH - Over \$1.6 billion in grant funds will upgrade the existing Brent Spence Bridge and build a new bridge dedicated to interstate drivers to improve traffic along I-71/I-75, a critical freight route from Canada to Florida.

Indianapolis Public Transportation Corporation, Indianapolis, IN - The Indianapolis Public Transportation Corporation will receive funding to build a multi-purpose operations and maintenance facility that will also serve as the agency's headquarters. Once completed, the project will include charging facilities and allow IndyGo to expand its bus fleet to fully implement its network redesign and meet the current and future needs of riders.

I-375 Reconnect Project, Detroit, MI - The project will realign the ramps and freeway near I-375, convert I-375 to a slower-speed boulevard, install calming traffic measures, remove weaving and merging areas along I-375 and I-75, remove the Jefferson Avenue curve, and incorporate LED lighting in the project area. The project would also remove 15 old bridges and two stormwater run-off pump stations, rehabilitate one remaining stormwater run-off pump station, construct wider sidewalks and separated buffered cycle tracks with protected and signalized pedestrian crossings, and reconnect neighborhood streets to the boulevard in the project area.

Fredrick Douglass Tunnel Replacement, Baltimore, MD - The 150-year-old Baltimore and Potomac Tunnel will be replaced. The new Frederick Douglass Tunnel will address the largest rail bottleneck on the Northeast Corridor between Washington, D.C. and New Jersey, and create good-paying union jobs, improve reliability, lower commuting times, and enhance safety and resilience. The program is expected to generate 30,000 jobs, including approximately 20,000 direct construction jobs, most of which do not require a college degree. When the program is complete, speed and capacity improvements will help enable service growth and eliminate nearly seven hours of train delay for the average weekday. Capacity of the tunnel is expected to nearly triple, and trains traveling through the tunnel will be able to go up to 110 miles per hour versus the current 30 miles per hour.

US 69 Safe Streets & Sidewalks, Excelsior Springs, MO - The project will rebuild approximately two miles of existing streets with curb, gutter, storm drainage, and sidewalks; add approximately 2.3 miles of sidewalk along existing streets; and add approximately 2.5 miles of trail along US-69. The project also includes nine intersection improvements, with signal modifications, roundabouts, or pedestrian overpasses.

Upper Ohio Navigation Project, Allegheny and Beaver Counties, PA - The Upper Ohio Navigation Project is part of the National Economic Development (NED) plan for improving the Upper Ohio River navigation system, specifically addressing poor structural condition and inadequate lock capacity for modern navigation tows on the Emsworth and Montgomery locks and dams.

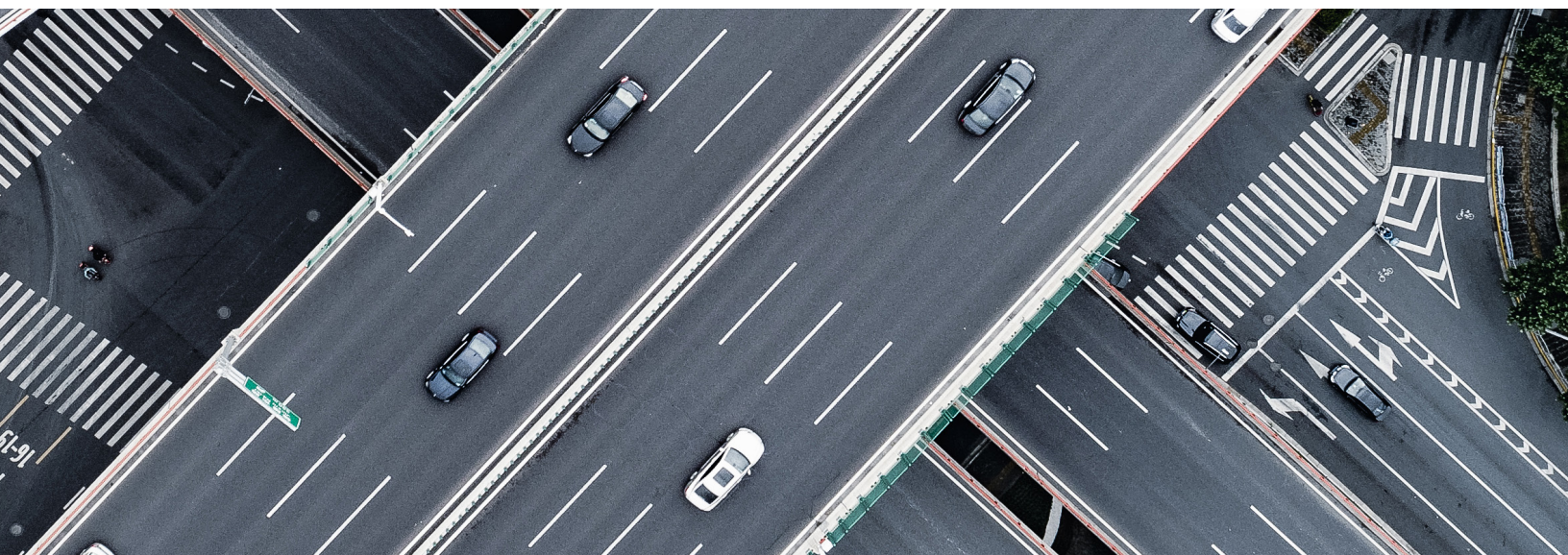
Memphis Buses and Bus Facilities, Memphis, TN - The Department of Transportation's new funding will allow the Memphis Area Transit Authority to modernize its transit system, while providing riders with more reliable and sustainable bus services in transitioning its fleet to clean electric buses and procuring charging stations for the Crosstown Corridor Connector.

Many other projects are currently being developed based on needs in the nation's ports, airports, rail and roads. The American Transportation Research Institute (ATRI) has quoted the lack of truck parking as one of the critical issues in the trucking industry for many years. As quoted by the American Trucking Association (ATA), "A severe shortage of commercial truck parking nationwide is having dire consequences for highway safety and supply chain efficiency. When truck drivers are unable to find safe, authorized parking, they're stuck in a no-win situation—forced to either park in unsafe or illegal locations or violate federal hours-of-service rules that regulate their daily drive-time in order to search for safer, legal alternatives." ATA used data from the ATRI research in a letter to the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) during February 2022, asking for release of funds from the Infrastructure Law for truck parking. The ATA has announced a few big wins in the area of truck parking during 2023 and 2024. During June 2023, two new federal grants were awarded in Louisiana and Texas for \$33 million that will create 170 new truck parking spaces. Again, in January 2024, five more new federal grants were created to increase parking capacity by 1,000 truck parking spaces in Florida, Missouri, Pennsylvania, California, Oregon, Washington and Wisconsin.

With 56,000 projects being developed, the funded projects mentioned above provide some examples of the funding available under the law. For further information, view the guidebook to the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law at [build.gov](https://www.build.gov). On the website, you will be able to read more about the funding available and how to apply.

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