

# Port & Community Provisions of the Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act (IIJA)

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# Major Federal Investment in “Infrastructure”

- On Monday, November 15, President Biden signed an 8-year, \$1.2 trillion investment (\$550 billion in new money) in a wide variety of areas:
  - Roads and Bridges – \$110B
  - Passenger and Freight Rail – \$66B
  - Safety – \$11B
  - Public Transit – \$39.2B
  - Broadband – \$65B
  - Ports and Waterways – \$16.6B
  - Airports/FAA – \$25B
  - Water Infrastructure – \$55B
  - Power and Grid – \$65B
  - Resiliency – \$47.2B
  - Addressing Legacy Pollution – \$21B
  - Western Water Infrastructure – \$8.3B
  - Clean School Buses and Ferries – \$7.5B
  - Electric Vehicle Charging – \$7.5B
  - Reconnecting Communities – \$1B

## IIJA Port-specific provisions

- \$20 billion for airports
- \$5 billion for FAA Facilities and Equipment
- \$5.225 billion for seaports
- \$27.1 billion for “Port eligible” transportation investments that other jurisdictions can apply for as well, like \$12.5 billion for RAISE and \$3.2 billion for INFRA

# Specifics on the Airport Dollars\*:

- \$15 billion for airport infrastructure grants distributed by formula
  - An estimated ~\$240 million directly to SEA
  - Airports would likely be allowed to use these funds for any “PFC-eligible projects” except debt service.
- \$5 billion for a new “airport terminal program” distributed via competitive grants
  - 55% of which is reserved for large hubs like SEA to compete for
  - for “terminal projects that increase capacity, improve passenger access, replace aging infrastructure, expand accessibility for persons with disabilities, and improve airport access for historically disadvantaged populations.”
- “Any funds that remain unobligated shall be made available in the fifth fiscal year for competitive grants that reduce airport emissions, reduce noise impact to the surrounding community, reduce dependence on the electrical grid, or provide general benefits to the surrounding community.”

***\*Grant criteria to be determined by FAA rulemaking. No SEA decisions on actual spending made until then.***

# What Can & Can't the Airport Money Do?\*

- ***Can IJA airport money be used to build a new airport?***
  - There are no provisions in the legislation that address “new airports”; money is mainly allocated by existing enplanements and hub size.
  - Even if there was, money must be spent within five years, which is unlikely the time horizon for a new airport.
- ***Can IJA airport money be used for community benefits?***
  - The allocation formula funds can be used for the kinds of things that airport revenue can be used for, including limited types of environmental investments.
  - The competitive grant dollars do not have any criteria for community investments
  - Leftover money in year five looks to be highly flexible
  - Non-airport IJA dollars provide additional benefits directly to the Port & community – from economic development to electrification – and the Port can help coordinate on those grants.

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# Other IJA Provisions Of Interest to Port and/or Cities Include:

- \$1 billion for culvert removal, replacement and restoration
- \$351 billion for highways (307 billion provided through formula to states)
- \$16 billion for the Highway Safety Improvement Program
- \$28 billion to the existing Bridge program and a new \$16 billion bridge grant program
- \$8 billion for the Federal Transit Administration Capital Investment Grants program
- \$5.25 billion for the Low-No Emissions vehicle program
- \$1 billion for State and Local Cybersecurity Improvements (formula)
- \$200 million to National Fish Passage Program
- \$1 billion for Safe Streets and Roads for All “Vision Zero”
- \$500 million for Healthy Streets tree cover in mostly urban areas

# More Detail on Select IJA Programs

- **Reducing Pollution from Transportation**
  - \$6.4 billion to create a new Carbon Reduction Formula Program
  - \$100 million for Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART)
- **Electric Vehicle (EV) and Low-Emission Vehicle Infrastructure**
  - \$5B in formula funding to States to support 500,000 strong EV Charging Station Network
  - \$2.5B in community grants for EV (to help fill national gaps)
  - Carbon Reduction Program includes EV projects

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- **Expanding Broadband**

- \$42.45 billion – Broadband Deployment (formula)
- \$14.2 billion – Affordable Connectivity Program
- \$1.44 billion – State Digital Equity Capacity Grant Program (formula)
- \$1.25 billion – Competitive Digital Equity Grants

- **Public Schools**

- \$500 million – Energy efficiency in public schools
- \$200 million – Lead contamination in schools (reduction, compliance monitoring)
- \$5 billion – Clean School Bus Program



# Next Steps

- Notice of Funding Opportunities (NOFOs)
- Priorities and opportunities for collaboration
- Future updates

**Questions?**