



Breaking Down the Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act of 2021

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About Greater Ohio Policy Center

Our Mission:

To improve the communities of Ohio through smart growth strategies and research

Our Vision:

A revitalized Ohio

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Our Values

Non-partisan Voice, Bi-Partisan Work

Our policy platforms are based on objective data, not politics, and we work with both sides of the aisle to achieve our goals.

Connecting Ohio

Collaboration and cooperation are fundamental to how we plan and work.

Pride in Place

The vitality of Ohio, and its cities and towns, matter to us and motivates our actions.

Recognizing potential

We build upon what exists, see what could be, and create solutions to enable sustainable growth.

Informed leadership

Our research and analysis are designed to impact strategic decisions and investments.



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The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) is the largest investment in transportation infrastructure since the enactment of the National Interstate and Defense Highways Act of 1956

- ▶ **Total Investment: \$1.2 Trillion over 5 Years (FY2026)**
 - ▶ \$700 Billion in continuation of core programs funding originally authorized in 2015 FAST Act
 - ▶ \$500 Billion in new funding for various infrastructure programs
 - ▶ 39% of IIJA will be awarded competitively
 - ▶ States will see an across the board increase of 30% for transportation funding

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Funding Categories Under IIJA

- ▶ Roads & Bridges: \$150 Billion
- ▶ Water & Sewer Infrastructure: \$80 Billion
- ▶ Passenger & Freight Rail: \$66 Billion
- ▶ Broadband Infrastructure: \$65 Billion
- ▶ Electrical Grid/Power Infrastructure: \$65 Billion
- ▶ Public Transportation: \$39 Billion
- ▶ Airports/Aviation: \$25 Billion
- ▶ Port Infrastructure: \$17 Billion



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- ▶ Ohio will directly receive **\$12.8 billion** in funds
 - ▶ Known funding allocations as of 1/19/22
 - ▶ Roads & Bridges: \$9.2 billion
 - ▶ \$483.3 million specifically for bridges (\$96.7 million announced on January 14)
 - ▶ Water & Sewer Infrastructure: \$1.4 billion
 - ▶ Public Transportation: \$1.2 billion
 - ▶ Electric Vehicle Infrastructure: \$140 million





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► Roads & Bridges

- Follows same “per capita” funding formula as existing funding (Ohio receiving \$1,100 per capita in funds)
- Major projects likely to include Cincinnati’s Brent Spence Bridge
 - Past 4 President’s have cites BSB as “critical infrastructure” in the national transportation chain and a “dangerously outdated” chokepoint for trucks & emergency vehicles between Ohio & Kentucky



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► **Public Transportation**

- Follows same funding formula already in place
 - Will permit transit agencies to modernize fleets by replacing diesel-powered vehicles with zero and low-emission vehicles (including CNG & electric)
- IIJA funds can be used to cover 100% of a project cost
 - Typical 80/20 split that requires a “local match” of funding has been cost-prohibitive for many transit agencies when seeking funds for project costs, especially fleet management



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- ▶ **Passenger & Freight Rail**
- ▶ Largest investment in rail transportation in Amtrak History
 - ▶ Will enable agency to address much-needed maintenance issues throughout Northeast Corridor
 - ▶ Improvements/Expansion of existing services
 - ▶ Improvement of existing services in Cincinnati/Cleveland
 - ▶ Potential creation of new service/line expansion
 - ▶ Long-debated “3C” corridor has been proposed, discussed



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- ▶ **Electric Vehicle Infrastructure**
- ▶ Funding provided to both install necessary infrastructure to support electric vehicles & acquire electric vehicles
 - ▶ \$5 billion is set-aside for schools to purchase electric or hybrid buses



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► **Greater Ohio's IIJA Principles**

- Prioritize maintenance and repair over new capacity
- Invest in existing places rather than sprawl
- Cities should proactively plug IIJA funds into existing plans
- Don't assume long-dormant projects are still relevant
- Be aware of the long-term costs of infrastructure projects
- Plan and prepare to compete for discretionary grants



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► **Greater Ohio's IIJA Principles**

- Be transparent about how the money will be used – and how funding decisions were made
- Invest in more than single-occupancy vehicles infrastructure projects – like transit
- Embrace opportunities to invent, improve rail services
- Utilize IIJA to begin rectifying historic inequities
- Be bold about planning for extreme weather events and the reduction of greenhouse gasses



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