# Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act

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## Summary

- \$1.2 trillion dollars and signed Nov. 15th 2021
  - Transportation Infrastructure
  - Environmental Infrastructure
  - Energy Infrastructure
  - Broadband Infrastructure
  - Cybersecurity
  - Disaster Response

## Transportation Infrastructure

- <u>Surface Transportation:</u> provides funding to reduce 100+ billion backlog of necessary bridge repairs, increase funding for RAISE, INFRA, and NIPA, provide funding to complete the Appalachian Highway system
- <u>Public Transit:</u> authorizes nearly \$70 billion for public transit, an increase of 40% over current levels
- Rail: provides \$66 billion in total funding for rail programs, with more than \$50 billion dedicated to Amtrak, \$5 billion for the existing Cosolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvement program, and \$3 billion set aside for the Railroad Crossing Elimination Program
- <u>Roadway Safety:</u> provides more than \$10 billion in funding, includes two new safety measures, one regarding if a driver is impaired and another to ensure that children are not accidentally left in the backseat
- Aviation: airports and related infrastructure would receive \$25 billion
- Inland Waterways: provides \$2.5 billion for new inland waterways projects and \$4 billion for operations and maintenance

### **Environmental Infrastructure**

- Water Infrastructure: \$55.4 billion for EPA's state and tribal assistance grants, supports the replacement of lead water lines and increases its annual authorization by \$40 million, authorizes \$280 million annually for 5 years to support municipal planning and construction of projects which address combined sewage overflows
- Natural Resources: significant funds for EPA's watershed programs, \$21 billion to clean up Superfund and brownfield sites, \$5 billion over 5 years for EPA to replace school buses with zero-emission buses or buses that use alternative fuels Agricultural Infrastructure: significant funding for carbon removal, firefighting, forest management resources, tree planting.

# **Energy Infrastructure**

- Authorizes \$2.5 billion for an Energy Dept. program to support construction of nonfederal electric transmission lines
- \$6 billion fund to help maintain the country's fleet of existing nuclear reactors
- Provides \$6 billion to research relating to batteries, \$6 billion for research into carbon capture and storage, \$8 billion for hydrogen and its ability to serve as an energy source, and \$3 billion for research into advanced nuclear reactors
- \$11.3 billion to authorize the Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation Fund, which provides reclamation projects for abandoned mines \$500 million to states and tribal nations to fund home energy assistance programs for households in need

#### **Broadband Infrastructure**

- Established a \$42.45 billion grant program for states and territories for the expansion of broadband infrastructure construction, prioritizing rural areas and other eligible entities
- Prioritizes:
  - 1) Unserved areas
  - 2) Underserved areas
  - 3) "Anchor institutions"
- Digital Equity Act establishes a \$2.75 billion grant programs to help states fund digital-equity plans

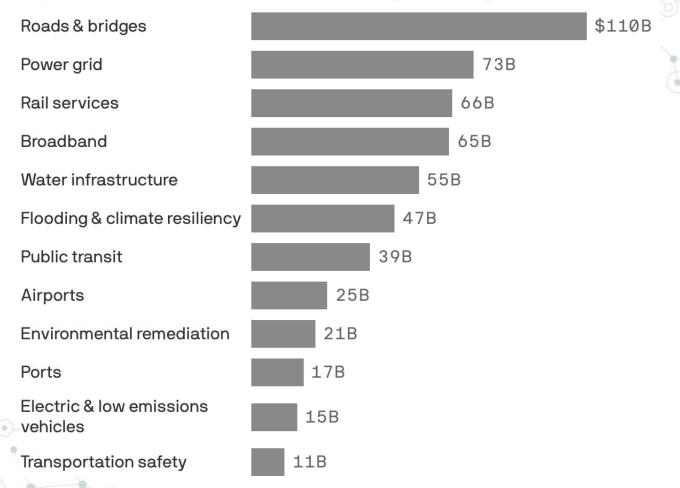
# Cybersecurity

- Establishes a cybersecurity risks and threats grant program to be administered through the Department of Homeland Security
- Total authorized appropriation of \$1 billion
- Annual replenishing funds of \$20 million for the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency's cyber response and recovery fund

# Disaster Response

- Creates a two-year Disaster Relief Mobilization Study to decide whether bicycles should be used in disaster preparedness and disaster response plans in local communities
- States may use portions of infrastructure funding for disaster resilience and mitigation
- Provides \$3.5 billion for the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Flood Mitigation Assistance program - provides financial and technical assistance to states affected by flood damage
- \$1 billion for FEMA's Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities Program - supports states and tribes pre-disaster planning

#### Bipartisan infrastructure bill spending breakdown



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