

# Minnesota Public Transit Conference

October 26, 2022

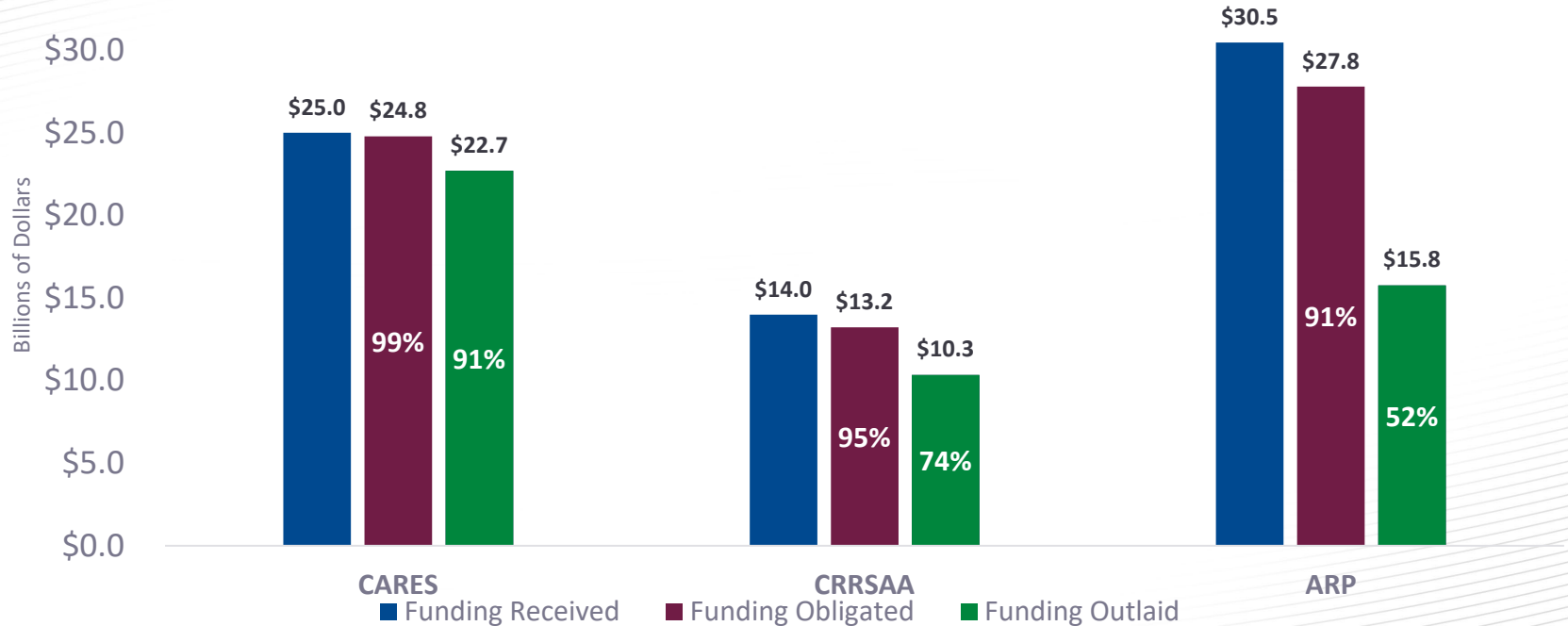


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# Legislative Update

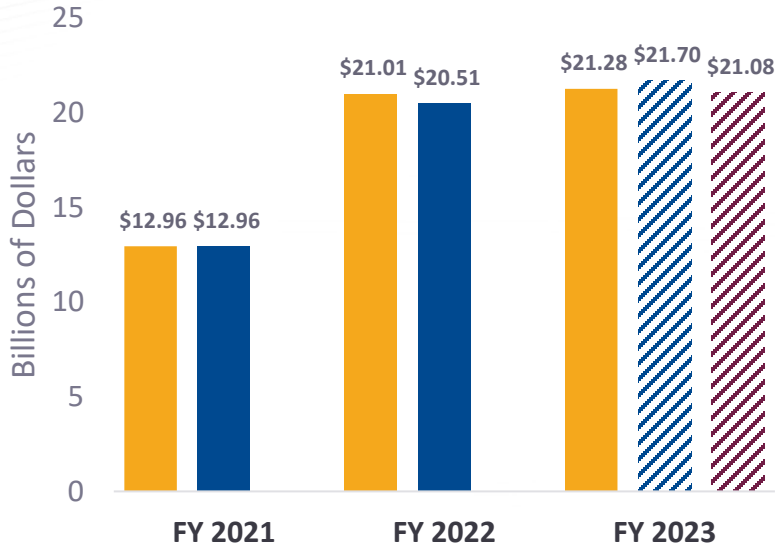
# COVID-19 Public Transit Funding

95 Percent of Funds Obligated and 70 Percent Outlaid



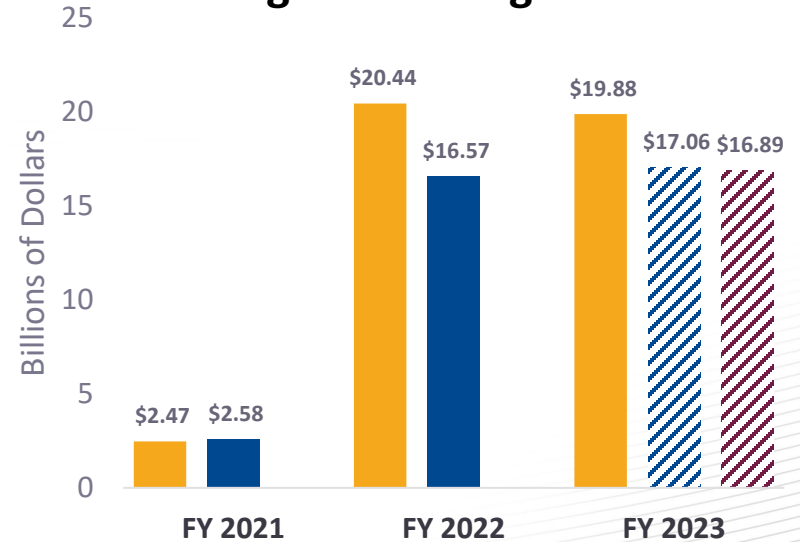
# Transportation (THUD) Appropriations Acts

## Public Transit



- FAST Act/IIJA Authorized
- Transportation Appropriations Acts
- House THUD
- Senate THUD

## Passenger and Freight Rail



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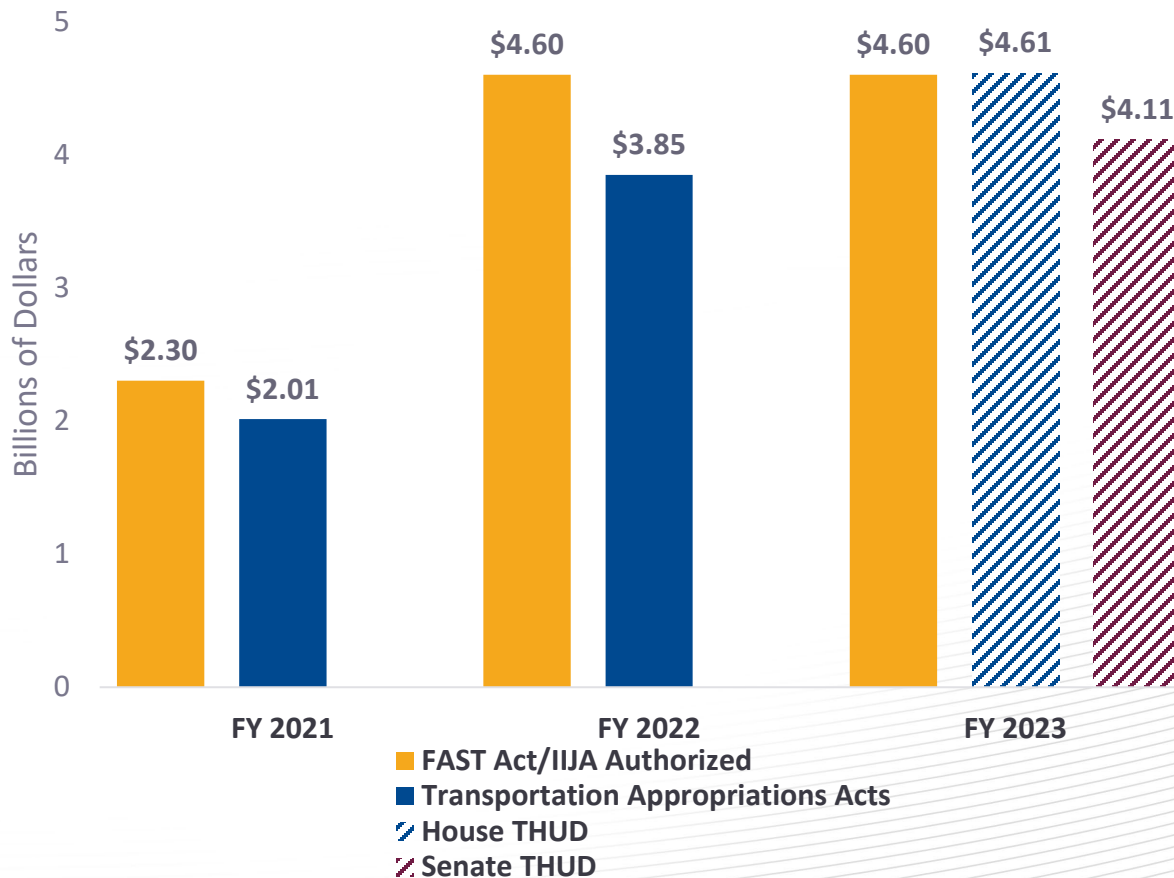
# CIG Project Pipeline

The CIG Pipeline includes **79 Projects** requesting **\$44 Billion** in additional CIG Funds:

- ✓ **38 Bus Rapid Transit;**
- ✓ **18 Light Rail;**
- ✓ **9 Heavy Rail;**
- ✓ **9 Commuter Rail; and**
- ✓ **5 Streetcar projects.**



## THUD CIG Appropriations



# Minnesota CIG Project Pipeline

The CIG Pipeline includes Six MN Projects Requesting \$1.5 Billion of CIG Funds

## 1 Project with Executed Full Funding Grant Agreements

Minneapolis Light Rail	Southwest LRT	\$929 million
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## 2 Projects in Engineering

Minneapolis Light Rail	METRO Blue Line Extension (Bottineau LRT)	TBD
St. Paul BRT	METRO Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit	\$239 million

## 3 Projects in Project Development

Minneapolis BRT	METRO F Line Bus Rapid Transit	\$35 million
Rochester BRT	Rochester Rapid Transit	\$56 million
St. Paul BRT	METRO Purple Line Bus Rapid Transit Project	\$218 million

September 19, 2022

# Republican Letter on Appropriations

“...Republicans must do what is necessary to ensure that not one additional penny will go toward this administration's radical, inflationary agenda....We, the undersigned, will oppose...any appropriations package put forward in the remaining months of this Democrat-led Congress.”

*42 House Republicans, September 19, 2022*

Dear Colleague,

Federal dollars are fueling rampant inflation and funding the Biden administration's radical agenda. This includes empowering authoritarian bureaucrats at agencies like the IRS and FBI, implementing open-border policies that are threatening our communities, imposing COVID-19 mandates that shut down schools and are forcing our military servicemembers out of their jobs, and advancing self-destructive energy policies.

As the September 30<sup>th</sup> federal funding deadline approaches, Republicans must do what is necessary to ensure that not one additional penny will go toward this administration's radical, inflationary agenda. Any legislation that sets the stage for a “lame duck” fight on government funding gives Democrats one final opportunity to pass that agenda.

Therefore, we, the undersigned, will oppose any continuing resolution that expires prior to the first day of the 118<sup>th</sup> Congress, or any appropriations package put forward in the remaining months of this Democrat-led Congress.

Signed,



Chip Roy  
Member of Congress



Ralph Norman  
Member of Congress



Troy E. Nehls  
Member of Congress



Bob Good  
Member of Congress



Bill Posey  
Member of Congress



Mary E. Miller  
Member of Congress



Tom Tiffany  
Member of Congress



W. Gregory Steube  
Member of Congress

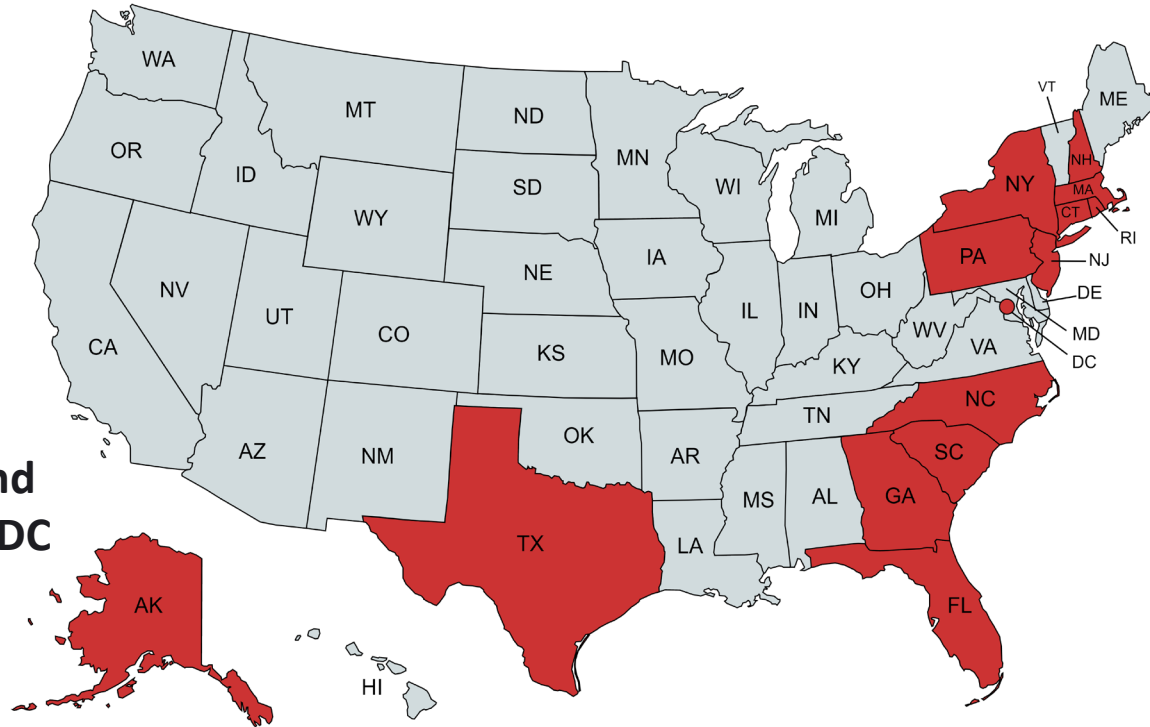


Andy Biggs  
Member of Congress



# Public Transit Emergency Relief Natural Disasters 2012 - 2022

Since 2012,  
Congress has  
provided  
**\$11.2 billion**  
of transit ER  
funding to  
**13 States, 3  
Territories, and  
Washington, DC**



■ PR, VI & MP



# APTA Public Transit Emergency Relief Request—At Least \$129 million

- ✓ **Bi-State Development Agency (St. Louis, MO)—Missouri Flooding (July 2022)**
  - ❖ **Identified Need: \$40.4 million**, Repair damage to signal houses, light-rail vehicles, station elevators, and track bed
- ✓ **New York MTA (New York, NY)—Hurricane Ida and other Disasters (2020 – 2021)**
  - ❖ **Identified Need: \$87.5 million**, Repair damage to facilities and harden infrastructure for flash floods
- ✓ **Chatham Area Transit Auth. (Savannah, GA)— Candler County Earthquake (June 2022)**
  - ❖ **Identified Need: \$1 million**, Repair damage to ferry ramp and dock

# IIJA Competitive Grant Awards

Program	Eligible Projects	Amounts	Award Date
<b>RAISE Grants</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Local and Regional Projects Assistance Grants</li><li>Transit and passenger rail projects</li></ul>	\$2.3 billion	August 11
<b>FTA Low and No Emission Bus Grants</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Purchasing or leasing low- or no-emission buses and facilities</li></ul>	\$1.1 billion	August 16
<b>FTA Bus and Bus Facilities Grants</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Replacing, rehabilitating, or purchasing buses, equipment, and facilities</li></ul>	\$547 million	August 16
<b>INFRA Grants</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Intercity passenger rail and grade-crossing projects</li></ul>	\$1.5 billion	Sept. 15
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$5.5 billion</b>	

# IIJA Pending NOFOs

Program	Eligible Projects	Amounts	Application Deadline
<b>Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) Grant Program</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Projects focused on technology that improves transportation efficiency and safety in communities</li> </ul>	\$100 million	Nov. 18
<b>Thriving Communities Program</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide technical assistance, planning and capacity building support to advance transportation in disadvantaged communities</li> </ul>	\$25 million	Nov. 22
<b>Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improving intercity passenger and freight rail systems</li> </ul>	\$1.4 billion	Dec. 1
<b>Rail Vehicle Replacement Program</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Replacing rail rolling stock under State of Good Repair Grants Program</li> </ul>	\$600 million	January 5
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$5.9 billion</b>	

# IIJA Upcoming 2022 NOFOs

Program	Eligible Projects	Amounts	Expected
Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Intercity passenger rail projects</li></ul>	\$7.3 billion	October (NN) December (NEC)
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$7.3 billion</b>	

# Inflation Reduction Act (IRA)

## ✓ Extends and Creates Clean Vehicle & Fuel Tax Credits

- ❖ Extends Alternative Fuel Excise Tax Credits
- ❖ Restructures Alternative Fuel Infrastructure Tax Credit
- ❖ Creates Commercial Clean Vehicle Tax Credit

## ✓ Provides New Climate & Equity Investments

- ❖ EPA Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (\$27 billion)
- ❖ DOT Neighborhood Access and Equity Grants (\$3 billion)
- ❖ DOT Low-Carbon Transportation Materials Grants (\$2 billion)

# Key IJA and IRA Implementation Issues

## ✓ Capacity

- ❖ Financial Capacity (e.g., Local Match)
- ❖ Workforce Capacity (All Sectors)

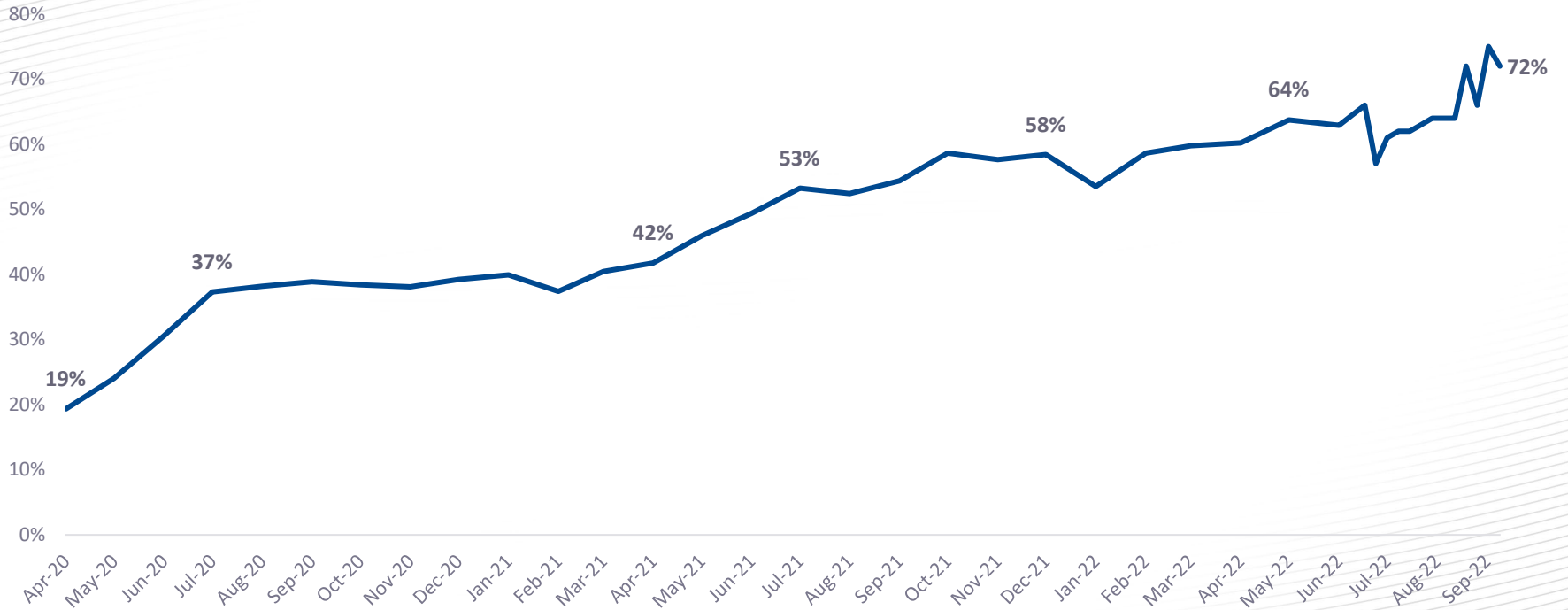
## ✓ Project Delivery, Supply Chain, and Cost Escalation

## ✓ Build America, Buy America Implementation

- ❖ Construction Materials

# Public Transit Ridership

2020-2022 Compared to 2019





# Transit Workforce Shortage

# Worker Shortage

96%



Experiencing Shortage

84%



Shortage Affecting Service



# Transit Worker Shortage Causes



Retirements



Competition



Job Characteristics



Hiring Time



# Retaining Employees



**Improve Schedules**

**Advance Workplace Culture**

# Hiring Effectively



**Emphasize Benefits**

**Streamline Hiring**

**Establish New Pipelines**



# APTA's Smart Guide



The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) (P.L. 117-58), commonly referred to as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), makes historic investments in our nation's public transportation infrastructure that will shape our future for decades to come. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law provides more than **\$108 billion** for public transit and **\$102 billion** for commuter rail, Amtrak, other high-performance passenger rail, and freight rail over the next five years. These bold investments in public transportation will help our communities and nation tackle climate change, advance equity, meet growing and evolving mobility demands, and create jobs. With enactment of the IIJA, the public transportation industry is uniquely positioned to address these challenges head on.

**APTA's Smart Guide to the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law** provides information and resources to aid members in navigating the many aspects of this new law. It includes APTA's summaries, funding and formula apportionment tables, and detailed section-by-section analyses of the public transit, passenger rail, Buy America, and other important titles of the IIJA. It also includes U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) formula apportionments, guidance, memoranda, regulations, and competitive grant opportunities. We continuously update the Smart Guide as more information about the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and DOT grant opportunities becomes available.

- [+ New Resources](#)
- [+ IIJA Summaries, Webinars & Presentations](#)
- [+ IIJA Funding Tables](#)
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