

**CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT
MEMORANDUM**

TO: Intergovernmental Relations Committee

FROM: Jeff Coyle, Assistant City Manager

SUBJECT: Federal Infrastructure Legislation

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The City's Government & Public Affairs Department will provide a briefing and update on the status of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) and the Build Back Better (BBB) Act, to include information on funding likely included in the BBB Act.

Background

Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)

In early August, the Senate passed the IIJA, a bipartisan infrastructure bill. The bill included a total of \$1.2 trillion over eight years, with \$550 billion in new spending. IIJA aims to rebuild roads and bridges, improve public transit systems, expand passenger rail, upgrade ports and airports, invest in broadband infrastructure, repair water systems, modernize the power sector, and improve climate resilience. The House initially planned to vote on the Senate-passed bill by September 27, however, ongoing negotiations have delayed the final vote. If the House passes this legislation, it will represent the largest infrastructure investment in American history. The \$550 billion in new federal investments are in the areas of:

- Transportation - \$248 billion
- Water - \$55 billion
- Broadband - \$65 billion
- Transit - \$39 million
- Energy & Power - \$73 billion
- Resiliency - \$46 billion
- Environmental Remediation - \$21 billion

Of special note, some key funding opportunities for cities include:

- Safe Streets for All – Vision Zero - \$5B
- Large Bridge Repairs - \$20B
- National Infrastructure Grants - \$5B

- RAISE Grants - \$7.5B
- Airport Improvement Grants - \$25B
- Reconnecting Communities - \$1B
- Accessibility Program - \$1.7B

Build Back Better (BBB) Act

After House and Senate Democrats passed a resolution supporting a \$3.5 trillion reconciliation package to address the Biden Administration’s agenda, House Committees in September assembled the Build Back Better (BBB) Act. However, ongoing negotiations over the final price of the reconciliation package as well as which provisions should be reduced or cut entirely have delayed consensus on the bill. In late October, the White House released an updated framework for the BBB Act totaling \$1.75 trillion. The table below provides some of the major proposed investments, however, it is important to note that due to the ongoing negotiations these details may change in the final version of the BBB Act.

Climate Crisis	\$555 Billion
Affordable Housing	\$150 Billion
Worker Training and Higher Education	\$40 Billion
Child Care and Universal Preschool	\$400 Billion
Expanded Child and Earned Income Tax Credits	\$200 Billion
Medicaid and Affordable Care Act Subsidy Expansion	\$130 Billion
Medicare Hearing Benefit	\$35 Billion