



City of New Orleans IIJA Project Updates

IIJA Joint Council & Legislative Committee

City of New Orleans

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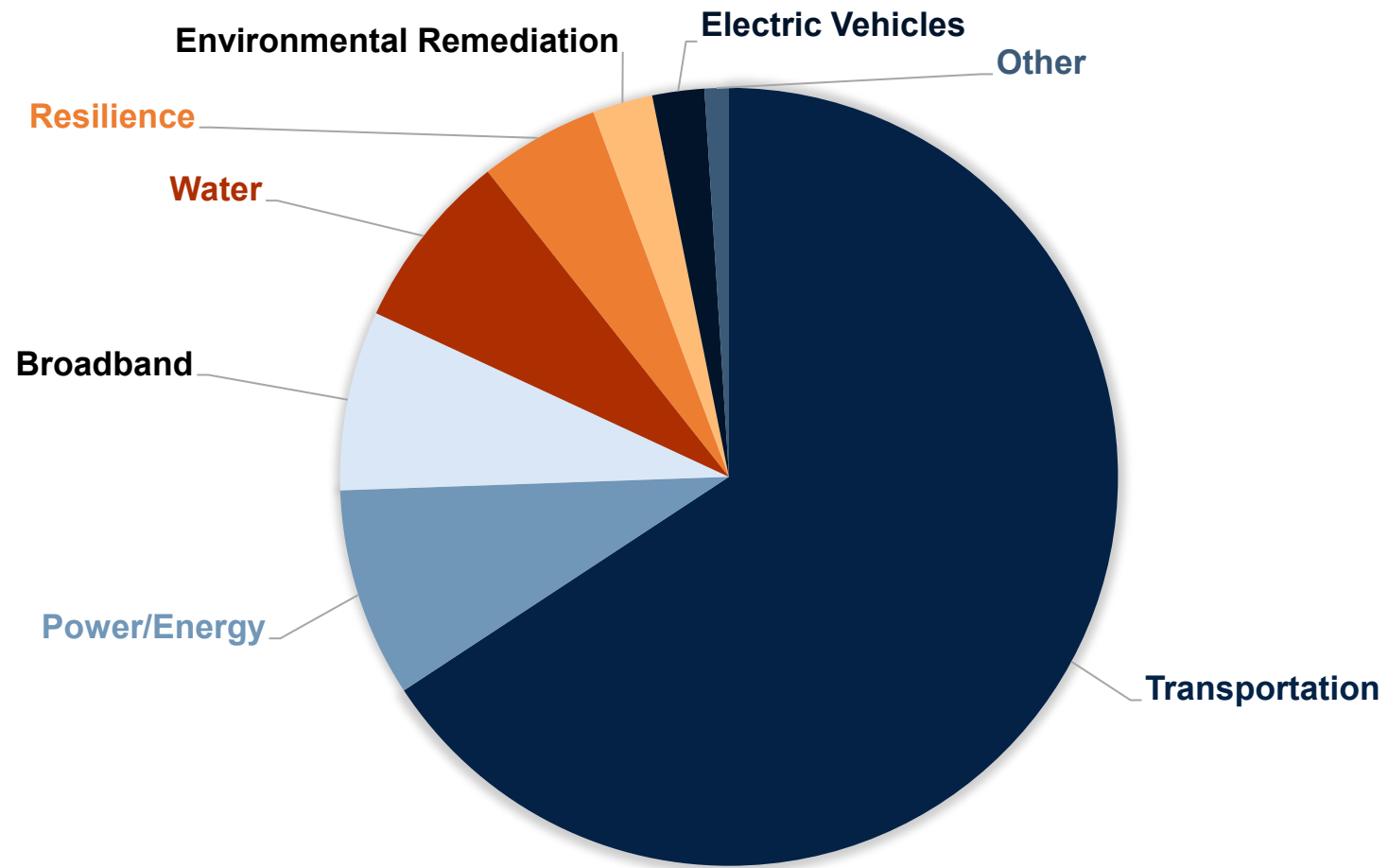
Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)

aka Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)

- IIJA includes over 350 individual programs in 12 overall categories
 - Roads & Bridges; Passenger & Freight Rail; Public Transit; Airports; Ports & Waterways; Safety; Electric Vehicles; Clean Energy & Power; Water; Resilience; Environmental Remediation; Broadband
- IIJA funding is available over a 5-year period (FY22-FY26)
 - Baseline spending on existing programs: **\$423B**
 - New spending on new and existing programs/initiatives: **\$550B+**
- Program timelines vary between annual cycles and a single 4-year cycle
- Some programs were authorized by IIJA, but remain unfunded until Congress appropriates money in the annual federal budget

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Funding Summary by Category



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Funding and Program Guidance

- IIJA includes 2 types of funding:
 - Formula Funding
 - Generally allocated at the state level; distributed by the state to projects and/or entities
 - Competitive Discretionary Funding
 - Entities can apply for funding directly from the federal agency
- Program Guidance
 - Guidance for existing programs includes a mix of unchanged guidance and new statutory requirements
 - Detailed guidance is forthcoming for new programs to clarify eligibility, priorities, etc

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City IJJA Task Force Overview

City IJA Task Force

Multi-departmental team analyzing infrastructure needs from City departments and related agencies within New Orleans and the region

- Chief Administrative Office
- Health Department
- Homeland Security & Emergency Preparedness
- Resilience & Sustainability
- Office of Community Assets & Investment
- Office of Utilities

City IIJA Task Force

Tasks

- Linking the 400+ projects that have been identified by Departments/Agencies to opportunities within IIJA
- Thoroughly analyzing IIJA programs to identify other potential opportunities to address local needs
- Expanding coordination and engagement with regional partners to identify projects that would benefit the region and/or state
- Prioritizing projects based on the shared goals of the City and Federal Government
 - Equity, Resilience, Economic Development, and Sustainability
- Engaging with the community, stakeholders, and partners to ensure we are ready to respond as funding becomes available

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Engagement

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The internal IIJA task force is working with partners from the following federal and state agencies:

Federal

- White House
- Federal Delegation
- US Department of Transportation
- US Department of Energy
- US Environmental Protection Agency
- US Army Corps of Engineers

Louisiana

- Office of the Governor
- Office of the Lt. Governor
- Department of Transportation & Development
- Department of Environmental Quality
- Department of Natural Resources
- Office of Community Development
- Coastal Protection & Restoration Authority
- Louisiana Housing Corporation

Engagement

The internal IIJA task force is working with partners from the following city and partner agencies:

City

- Capital Projects Administration
- Office of Economic Development
- Health Department
- Homeland Security & Emergency Preparedness
- Department of Parks and Parkways
- Department of Public Works
- Office of Workforce Development

Partner Agencies

- Sewerage & Water Board
- Regional Planning Commission
- Regional Transit Authority
- Port of New Orleans
- Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport
- Orleans Parish School Board
- Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – East & West
- Finance New Orleans
- New Orleans Business Alliance
- Downtown Development District

Engagement

The internal IIJA task force is working with partners from the following community organizations:

Community

- Alliance for Affordable Energy
- Business Council of New Orleans and the River Region
- Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana
- Committee for a Better New Orleans
- Friends of Lafitte Greenway
- GNO Inc.
- Louisiana State University
- National Wildlife Federation
- New Orleans Complete Streets Coalition
- Pontchartrain Conservancy
- Restore the Mississippi River Delta
- RIDE New Orleans
- Together New Orleans
- Tulane University
- University of New Orleans
- Water Institute of the Gulf

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Projects and Programs

Projects & Programs

Project Identification – two-pronged approach

- Examining existing projects that have been developed, undergone community engagement, and been adopted by a public entity, including:
 - 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan
 - Transportation Improvement Plan & Metropolitan Transportation Plan
 - State Capital Outlay
 - Capital Plans from other agencies: RTA, SWBNO, USACE, CRPA, etc
- Identifying and developing new projects to address identified needs across the City

Projects & Programs

The following discretionary grants have been released by the federal government and applied for by or with support from the City:

- RAISE (Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity)
 - Downtown Transit Center & Connecting Corridors
 - Partnership with RTA
 - August 2022 award announcement
- RACER (Renewables Advancing Community Energy Resilience)
 - Serving as partner to two local applicants
 - LSU Proposal: Post-storm community microgrid development
 - Together New Orleans: Community Lighthouse program
 - September 2022 award announcement

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- **Safe Streets & Roads For All**
 - Looking to develop a Planning Grant proposal
 - Outcome: Transportation safety plan; Position New Orleans for Implementation Grants in future years
- **Bridge Formula Program (BFP)**
 - Awaiting DOTD's program guidance on eligible Off-System Bridges
- **Bridge Investment Program (BIP)**
 - Competitive program allowing local governments to apply direct to USDOT
- **Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP)**
 - DPW and RPC exploring planning grant for improving access to Bayou Sauvage NWR

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- Clean School Bus Program
 - NOLA Public Schools
- PROTECT (Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation)
 - Formula Funding to the State
 - Future Discretionary Funding opportunity
- Transmission Facilitation Program
 - USDOE Request for Information issued
 - Working with Entergy to ensure they are ready to seek funds in 2023
- Brownfields Program
 - New CPC program manager starting in June
 - City can apply for Brownfields funds to remediate properties

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Other related projects/programs:

- **HB 1052 – Hazard Mitigation Revolving Fund**
 - Sponsored by Rep. Landry
 - Establishes fund; ready to receive federal capitalization funds (STORM Act authorized \$500M)
 - Passed House & Senate; Awaiting Governor’s signature
- **Affordable Connectivity Program**
 - \$30/month for eligible households
 - Providers, including AT&T and Cox, have launched new \$30/month broadband plans
 - Sign up at [GetInternet.gov](https://www.getinternet.gov)

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- Monthly meetings between Task Force and Joint Committee and/or Council staff
- Ongoing community and stakeholder engagement
- Review and discuss upcoming Notices of Funding Opportunities (NOFOs) and eligible projects



Questions?

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