

# IIJA GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

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## Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act

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# IIJA Background

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- The President signed H.R. 3684, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) into law on November 15, 2021
- \$1.2 trillion infrastructure bill reauthorizes the nation's surface transportation, drinking water, and wastewater
- Significant additional funding for existing and new transportation programs
  - \$661.1B for all modes of transportation administered by USDOT
  - \$284B in new transportation funding
  - Funds increased for existing and new competitive grants



# Notable IIJA Bike and Ped Eligible Competitive Grants

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New programs include:

- **Safe Streets for All (\$6B, new)** – This program will provide funding directly to local and tribal governments to support their efforts to advance “vision zero” plans and other improvements to reduce crashes and fatalities, especially for cyclists and pedestrians
- **MEGA Projects (\$15B, new)** – This National Infrastructure Project Assistance grant program will support multi-modal, multi-jurisdictional projects of *national or regional significance*.
- **Reconnecting Communities Pilot (RCP) (new)**
  - \$1 billion over the next 5 years
  - Planning and Construction grants, Technical Assistance
  - Reconnect communities that were previously cut off from economic opportunities by transportation infrastructure.
  - Restore community connectivity through the removal, retrofit, mitigation, or replacement of eligible transportation infrastructure facilities.



# IIJA Grants

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- **Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grants (\$15B, expanded)**
  - RAISE grants support surface transportation projects of local and/or regional significance.
  - Previously known as Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) and Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grants
- Under **Complete Streets**, Bicycle and Pedestrian facilities can be included in larger projects, such as bridges, roads, and transit.
- More information will be made available by USDOT over the coming year

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# MPO Applicants

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- Metropolitan Planning Organizations are eligible applicants for many competitive grants
- Will TPB apply?
  - Possibly, IF
  - Its member jurisdictions want the TPB to
  - AND are willing to commit matching funds and work with us to develop the grant application with a demonstrated commitment to implement the project funded by the grant
  - TPB could work with one or more member jurisdictions to apply for a grant
  - Limits for TPB participation include:
    - Lack of ability to raise matching funds (no taxing authority)
    - Staff expertise and local knowledge
    - Need for consensus



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