# INFRASTRUCTURE AND INVESTMENT ACT (IIJA) GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

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#### **Overview**

- The President signed H.R. 3684, Infrastructure and Investment Act (IIJA), into law November 15, 2021
- Infrastructure bill that reauthorizes funding in multiple sectors (i.e., surface transportation, drinking water, wastewater systems, broadband, etc.)
- Provides \$1.2 trillion in funding for existing and new programs
  - \$661.1B for transportation (the largest element of the bill)
    - \$248B for new programs
    - Increased funding for existing programs



### Notable Safety-Related Grant Opportunities

- Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grants (\$15B,expanded) – 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.
- Safe Streets for All (\$6B, new) Provides 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.

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- **MEGA Projects** (\$15B, new) This new National Infrastructure Project Assistance grant program will support multi-modal, multi-jurisdictional projects of national or regional significance.
- Federal government has also put together a schedule for when NOFOs will be published:
  - https://www.transportation.gov/bipartisan-infrastructurelaw/key-notices-funding-opportunity



### **Opportunities for Jurisdictions**

- Local and state governments can look forward to several competitive grants opportunities as a result of the bill
- Funding for many existing federal grant programs has been increased and several new grant programs established.
- In addition, the types of entities who are eligible to apply for grants has expanded
  - Transit agencies, regional entities including MPOs, even non-profits can apply for federal grants for the very time
    - MPOs are eligible, but matching fund requirements would have to be addressed by partners other than TPB
- Transportation agencies and jurisdictions are anticipated to be the most likely lead applicants



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