CalSTA *Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)*

Transportation Implementation Working Group

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CalSTA IIJA Implementation Website

- CalSTA IIJA Implementation Website Address https://calsta.ca.gov/subject-areas/infrastructure-investment-act
- IIJA Resources and Analysis
- CalSTA IIJA Transportation Implementation Working Group Meeting Notes and Materials
- U.S. DOT Notices of Funding Opportunity and Other Federal Notices
- CalSTA IIJA Transportation Implementation Working Group - Implementation Action Plans (When Completed)
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2. U.S. Department of Transportation, Build America Bureau, Regional Infrastructures Accelerators Demonstration Program. Publication Date: January 6, 2022. APPLICATION DEADLINE: 11:59 p.m. ET, 90 days after publication of the notice. Link to NOFO: [https://www.fra.dot.gov/docs/2021/12/09/BuildAmericaBureau-RIDP-Regions-202200002RegionalInfrastructuresAcceleratorsDemonstrationProgram].


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White House – Competitive Funding Opportunities

1. Rebuilding American Infrastructure Sustainably and Equitably (RAISE) Grants – This existing competitive grant program at the Department of Transportation provides $7.5 billion with an additional $7.5 billion subject to Congressional approval in funding for road, rail, transit, and other surface transportation of local and/or regional significance. Selection criteria safety, sustainability, equity, economic competitiveness, mobility, and community connectivity. Applications will open in the first quarter of 2022.

2. Port Infrastructure Development Program Grants – This existing $2 billion Department of Transportation program funds investment in the modernization and expansion of U.S. ports to remove supply chain bottlenecks, ensure long-term competitiveness, resilience, and sustainability while reducing impacts to the environment and neighboring communities. The infrastructure law expanded the program’s eligibilities to include projects that improve goods movement, as well as port electrification projects, lifting reduction solutions, equipment charging infrastructure and related worker training initiatives. The Department of Transportation expects to open applications in February 2022.

3. Bus & Bus Facilities Competitive Grants – This existing $2 billion program at the Department of Transportation provides capital funding to replace, rehabilitate, purchase, or lease buses and related equipment and to rehabilitate, purchase, construct, or lease bus-related facilities – as well as capital funding for low or no emissions bus projects. Fiscal Year 2021 grant selections will be announced soon. Applications are expected to open for the Fiscal Year 2022 grant program in the first quarter of 2022.

4. National Infrastructure Project Assistance (also known as “Megaprojects” or MEGA) – This $5 billion competitive grant program supports multi-modal, multi-jurisdictional projects of regional or national significance. Communities are eligible to apply for funding to complete critical large projects that would otherwise be unachievable without assistance. Selection criteria for the program will be posted on the Department of Transportation website in February 2022.

5. Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) Grants – This Department of Transportation program supports highway and rail projects of regional and economic significance. Applications will open in the first quarter of 2022. Learn more about how to apply [here](#).
FHWA “Build A Better America”  
December 16, 2021 Policy Memo

- FHWA Guidance Prioritizing IIJA Investment to Address Multiple Policy Objectives, including –
  - Climate Resilience
  - Safety for All Road Users / Vulnerable Road Users
  - Promote EV, Broadband, Renewable Energy
  - Reconnecting Communities / Equity
  - ADA Accessibility

- General Purpose Capacity Enhancement Projects
  - “This Policy prioritizes projects that move more people and freight by modernizing and increasing the operational efficiency of existing roads and highways over projects that expand the general purpose capacity of roads and highways”

The recently enacted Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), enacted as the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), Pub. L. 117-58 (Nov. 15, 2021), will deliver generational investments in our roads and bridges, promote safety for all road users, help combat the climate crisis, and advance equitable access to transportation. The BIL also presents the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) with a unique opportunity: to exercise our stewardship and oversight responsibilities and evolve the century-old relationship with State departments of transportation and other stakeholders in a way that takes advantage of the tools Congress has provided and prioritizes investments that align with the underlying policies evident throughout the BIL to help our states and communities Build a Better America.

This guidance is intended to serve as an overarching framework to prioritize the use of BIL resources on projects that will Build a Better America. The intent of the guidance also is to ensure that the funding and eligibilities provided by the BIL will be interpreted and implemented, to the extent allowable under statute, to encourage States and other funding recipients to invest in projects that upgrade the condition of streets, highways, and bridges and make them safe for all users, while at the same time modernizing them so that the transportation network is accessible for all users, provides people with better choices across all modes, accommodates new and emerging technologies, is more sustainable and resilient to a changing climate, and is more equitable.

The BIL creates two kinds of new resources that FHWA’s State, regional, Tribal and local stakeholders can use to Build a Better America:
Organization and Meeting Schedule

- **Sub Working Groups**
  - Meet “As Needed” – Scheduled by Caltrans Sub Working Group Leaders
  - In-Depth Analysis of Specific Issue Areas
  - Develop “IIJA Transportation Implementation Action Plans”

- **To Join a Sub Working Group:**
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