What is the Infrastructure, Investment, and Jobs Act (IIJA)?

*a.k.a Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)*

- $550 billion in new federal spending on U.S. infrastructure over the next five years.
- Money will be spent on transportation, high-speed internet, clean water, the energy grid, climate resilience, and many other areas.

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Why is IIJA Important for New Orleans?

1. **The infrastructure law means that Louisiana gets more money every year for projects to improve roads, bridges, and public transit.**
   - In 2021, Louisiana got $781 million in federal money for road and bridge programs. In 2022, that will go up to $1,167 million, about a 50% increase.
   - Some of this money goes to existing programs for road and bridge construction. Many of those existing programs have new rules that cover a larger range of projects (such as retrofitting infrastructure for storm resilience.)
   - Most of the new money goes into new programs for bridge repairs, electric vehicle infrastructure, and climate resilience.

2. **The law creates new competitive grants* for local governments.**
   - In the past, most federal transportation money went to states, Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), and transit agencies.
   - The new infrastructure law changes that: local governments will have the chance to apply directly for more than $10 billion each year in competitive grant opportunities.
   - Many of these competitive grants address priorities important for New Orleans, including hazard mitigation, road and sidewalk repairs, complete streets, and climate change resilience.

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*the City can apply to receive the funds, but they're not guaranteed.*
What are some important programs for local projects in IIJA?

**PROTECT Program**
Competitive grants to help States and local agencies improve the resiliency of transportation infrastructure. PROTECT grants include resilience improvement grants, community resiliency and evacuation route grants, and at-risk coastal infrastructure grants.

**Reconnecting Communities Pilot**
Restore community connectivity by removing, retrofitting, or mitigating highways or other transportation facilities that create barriers to community connectivity, including to mobility, access, or economic development.

**Healthy Streets Program**
“Install cool and/or porous pavements or to expand tree cover with the goal of reducing urban heat centers and improving air quality”

**Safe Streets and Roads for All**
grants to support local projects to prevent transportation-related death and serious injury on roads and streets.

Most of these programs are competitive grants - local governments, including New Orleans, need to apply for these funds.

**Active Transportation Investment Infrastructure Program**
New competitive grant program for construction of projects to “provide safe and connected transportation facilities in an active transportation network or active transportation spine.”

**National EV Charging Infrastructure**
Strategically deploy electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure and establish an interconnected network to facilitate data collection, access, and reliability.

How will decisions be made?

**Who are the decisionmakers?**
- Mayor LaToya Cantrell and Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for Infrastructure, Ramsey Green will set priorities, in coordination with City Department heads and New Orleans City Council members.
- City Council has to approve the allocation of the funds after grants have been awarded.

**How do I get involved?**
1. **Tell your councilmember** what issues are important to you by calling, sending an email, or attending an IIJA Task Force Meeting (learn more at council.nola.gov/meetings).
2. **Tell your Neighborhood Liaison** what issues are important to you by calling or emailing.
3. **Sign up to receive updates** and calls to action at cbno.org/justrecovery.

**An Opportunity for Equity**
The last two years’ crises have shined a spotlight on the inequities in New Orleans, and across the nation. New Orleans has an opportunity to invest recovery money in our hardest-hit communities, to build an equitable future. Learn more at cbno.org/justrecovery

**Learn more & Get Involved**
Visit cbno.org/justrecovery to learn more about the City’s approach to the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and other sources of Federal recovery funds; and find out how you can make your voice heard.