

**Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Summary
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As early as this week, Congress is expected to pass the *Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act*, or IIIJA ([H.R. 3684](#)), a roughly \$1 trillion transportation, water, broadband and electric grid infrastructure bill that’s intended to deliver on a portion of President Biden’s jobs, climate and equity agenda. It is widely expected that the IIIJA will be supplemented by a “Build Back Better” spending package expected to be slightly below \$2 trillion. A summary of the infrastructure bill follows.

The IIIJA would invest nearly \$1 trillion in transportation, water, broadband, and power infrastructure as well as resilience investments. Of this amount, approximately \$550 billion would be *new* spending (the nearly \$1 trillion dollar amount reflects the cost to also maintain existing spending levels for certain infrastructure, including surface transportation and water). Total spending amounts by infrastructure category are detailed in the chart below.

Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Spending Categories
(\$ in Billions)

Infrastructure Category	Funding Amount
Surface Transportation	\$639
<i>FAST Act Reauthorization</i>	<i>\$477</i>
<i>IIJ Act Stimulus (supplemental spending)</i>	<i>\$157</i>
<i>Electric & Low Emission School Buses</i>	<i>\$5</i>
Airports	\$25
Ports and Waterways	\$17
Water Infrastructure	\$91
Broadband	\$65
Power Infrastructure	\$65
Resilience, Western Water Storage and Environmental Remediation	\$71
Transportation Total	\$681
Other Infrastructure Total	\$292
Total	\$973

Source: MTC analysis of [H.R. 3684](#), Eno Transportation Weekly and White House Fact Sheet

Transportation - \$681 billion

Transportation infrastructure is by far the largest component of the infrastructure bill. Regarding surface transportation, the bill combines a roughly \$475 billion five-year surface transportation reauthorization—a 56 percent increase above Congress’s last five-year transportation bill, the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation (FAST) Act—with approximately \$157 billion in supplemental one-time stimulus funding to be distributed to more than two dozen grant programs over five years. We estimate that the bill would provide about \$4.5 billion in “guaranteed” funding for the Bay Area via the highway and transit formula funds that MTC distributes. We

also expect Bay Area projects to receive a share of the state’s \$4.25 billion in bridge repair funds and dedicated resources for zero emission vehicle charging and resilience projects. Attachment A provides a more detailed overview of the surface transportation provisions of the bill.

The most unprecedented element of the deal is in the scale of new discretionary grants that would be administered by the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT); the bill would authorize approximately \$140 billion in competitive grant funding that could help fund Bay Area surface transportation priorities). See page 3 of Attachment A for additional details on the discretionary grants.

The bill would also provide funding for airports, ports and waterways, as shown in the chart on Page 1.

Water Infrastructure

Water infrastructure would be funded at approximately \$91 billion and—similar to surface transportation—includes a reauthorization of drinking and wastewater funding (\$36 billion) and provides supplemental one-time stimulus funding to targeted programs. Nearly \$53 billion would be distributed through the existing drinking water and clean water state revolving loan funds (\$26.4 billion each) which provide grants to states for loans supporting water infrastructure and water quality improvement projects. An additional \$15 billion would be available for lead pipe replacement (to be administered through drinking water state revolving loan funds) and \$10 billion to address emerging pollutants. The remaining funding would be distributed through various other programs.

Broadband/High-Speed Internet

The IJA provides \$65 billion to help build out broadband infrastructure, assist states with developing and implementing digital equity plans, and to subsidize the cost of Internet service for low-income households. Of the funding, \$42.5 billion would be reserved for a U.S. Department of Commerce broadband buildout grant program for states. Each state would receive a minimum of \$100 million; remaining grant funding would be determined via a formula based on each state’s proportionate number of underserved and high-cost locations. Another significant component of the broadband proposal is a \$30/month voucher low-income families may use for Internet service (\$14.2 billion cost). This subsidy builds on the existing Emergency Broadband Benefit established during the pandemic, removing any sunset date for the benefit and expanding eligibility to more low-income households. An estimated 10.6 million Californians would be eligible for the benefit, according to a [White House fact sheet](#).

Power Infrastructure and Clean Energy

The IJA includes \$65 billion to upgrade power infrastructure and increase energy efficiency, creates a new Grid Deployment Authority, and invests in clean energy research and technology. Investments of interest include: \$5 billion in grants to states, grid operators, and other entities to harden the electric grid against extreme weather events, \$5 billion for demonstration projects aimed at hardening and enhancing grid resilience, \$3 billion for the [Smart Grid Investment Matching Grant Program](#) with expanded eligibilities to include improvements that increase flexibility in responding to natural disasters and fluctuating demand , \$8 billion to establish at least four regional clean hydrogen hubs, \$550 million for the Energy [Efficiency and](#)

Conservation Block Grant Program to support state and local governments in investing in energy efficiency and conservation projects and \$225 million for a Department of Energy competitive grant program for states or regional partnerships to update their building energy codes.

Resilience, Western Water Storage, Environmental Remediation

The bill would provide about \$71 billion for resilience, western water storage and remediation, including funding for wildfire resilience, flood mitigation, and ecosystem restoration. Regarding wildfires, the bill includes \$3.3 billion for wildfire risk reduction efforts, including controlled burns, community wildfire defense grants, and funds to boost federal firefighter salaries. The bill would additionally provide \$2 billion for federal ecological restoration projects to support fuel reduction. Other investments of interest:

- \$3.5 billion to supplement the Weatherization Assistance Program that reduces energy costs for low-income households¹
- \$1 billion is provided for the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA)'s Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grants
- \$1 billion for a new grant program for states and local governments to develop and implement cybersecurity plans
- \$24 million for San Francisco Bay restoration (funds will go to EPA) and \$132 million for the National Estuary Program, of which **an estimated \$4.5 million would come directly to the San Francisco Estuary Partnership** over five years (\$900,000/year). This would more than double the Partnership's current annual federal funding of approximately \$700,000.
- \$17 billion for Army Corps of Engineers flood mitigation and waterways management planning and projects, including \$11.6 billion for construction (intended to support both unfunded projects in the Army Corps pipeline and new construction).²
- More than \$8 billion for water storage, recycling, and ecosystem restoration intended to help make California and other western states more resilient to drought
- \$1.2 billion over five years for brownfield remediation
- \$3.5 billion for superfund remediation

¹ Weatherization funding could also be categorized under "power infrastructure and clean energy" funding.

² Based on external infrastructure bill analyses, staff attributed Army Corps funding to the "resilience" category, though a portion of the \$17 billion most likely accounts for a significant amount of the "ports and waterways" funding listed in the chart on Page 1.