U.S. Department of Transportation Update

US Travel Association Webinar
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Agenda

• General DOT Updates
• Intercity Passenger Rail Overview
• RAISE Overview
• NEVI Overview
• Q&A
Today’s Participants

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Overview

1. Infrastructure is central to economic opportunity, to meeting climate goals, to realizing equity for all.

2. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (also known as IIJA) is a very big deal.

3. Time for action is now.
Bipartisan Infrastructure Law
$665 Billion Over Five Years

- Roads, Bridges, and Major Projects: $110 Billion
  - Public Transit: $89.9 Billion
  - Electric Vehicles and Buses: $15 Billion
  - Environmental Remediation and Power Infrastructure: $86 Billion
- Transportation Safety: $11 Billion
  - Passenger and Freight Rail: $66 Billion
  - Airports, Ports, and Waterways: $42 Billion
  - Other Areas of Investment: $121 Billion

Accessing the funding depends on intentional action on the part of state and local transportation entities.
Inflation Reduction Act (IRA)

Spotlight on Some of the Transportation-Related Provisions

- Tax credits and grants for clean vehicles, fuels and clean commercial vehicles;
- $3 billion in grants to reduce air pollution at ports;
- $3 billion in Environmental and Climate Justice Block grants
- $3 billion in Neighborhood Access and Equity grants to invest in community-led projects that address neighborhood equity, safety and affordable transportation;
Infrastructure and transportation account for 11% of all jobs in the United States

• Millions of jobs being added, and not just in construction – management, logistics, operations, IT, etc

• Current workforce is aging and near retirement

• Opportunity to train a new generation of workers and diversify the industry
Bipartisan Infrastructure Law: Rail Development Goals

- Modernize the Northeast Corridor
- Bring world-class passenger rail service to regions across the country
- Grow a safer, cleaner, more equitable rail system
- Renew Amtrak’s fleet & facilities and deliver high-quality intercity passenger rail service
- Build the foundation for a long-term rail program
Bipartisan Infrastructure Law: Rail Funding Overview

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* Authorized funds represent an up to amount that require annual appropriations to set funding levels for each fiscal year.

** $34.5 billion for grant programs; additional $1.5 billion is authorized for FRA operations and R&D — not included in this graphic. Grants for Restoration & Enhancement (advance appropriations portion) are funded through “takedowns” from Amtrak NN account; not included in totals to avoid double-counting.
National Projects (not located on the Northeast Corridor)

Published in the Federal Register on December 7, 2022

$4.566 billion available in FY 2022 and FY 2023 supplemental advance and annual appropriations

Applications due by 5 p.m. ET on April 21, 2023

Northeast Corridor Projects

Published in the Federal Register on December 27, 2022

$8.979 billion available in FY 2022 and FY 2023 supplemental advance and annual appropriations

Applications due by 5 p.m. ET on March 27, 2023

https://railroads.dot.gov/federal-state-partnership-intercity-passenger
Highlights of RAISE FY2023 NOFO

• $2.3 billion in funding for the 2023 competition for:
  • Multi-modal
  • Multi-jurisdictional
  • Surface Transportation Infrastructure Projects

• Awards of up to $25 and $45 million

• Open to Capital and Planning projects

• Environmental Sustainability and Economic Competitiveness are two of the eight statutory merit criteria

• Department will award at least $35 million to projects located in Areas of Persistent Poverty and/or Historically Disadvantaged Communities
IIJA Electric Vehicle Charging Station Funding

$7.5 Billion in Funding available for Electric Vehicle (EV) Infrastructure:

$5 Billion National EV Infrastructure (NEVI) Formula Program

• Provides funding for States to strategically deploy an interconnected EV charging network to facilitate data collection, access, and reliability.
• Funding is directed to designated Alternative Fuel Corridors (AFCs), particularly along the Interstate Highway System. Once fully built out, funding may be used on any public road or in other publicly accessible locations.
• All 50 States, DC, and Puerto Rico have approved State EV Deployment Plans and are now able to obligate their formula funds.
• Establishes Joint Office of Energy and Transportation

$2.5 Billion Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary Grant Program

• Provides funding for States, Cities, Tribes, and several other entities to deploy publicly accessible EV charging infrastructure and hydrogen, propane, and natural gas fueling infrastructure. It is further divided into two programs:
  • $1.25 billion Corridor Charging for infrastructure along designated AFCs.
  • $1.25 billion Community Charging for infrastructure in communities.