



# **2021 Legislative Recap: Transportation & Infrastructure**

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# 2021 review: Transportation & Infrastructure



## Bipartisan Infrastructure Agreement

- The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act allocates \$1.2 trillion for infrastructure investments
- The law authorizes an estimated \$550 billion in new spending for infrastructure projects
- After months of negotiations and modifications, the bipartisan bill was signed into law by President Biden in November 2021



## Long Term Transportation Funding

- The IIJA represents \$238.8 billion for transportation projects including rail, airports, and electric vehicle charging, representing half of the bill's new funding
- Funding and transit programs are sent over to the Department of Transportation for execution and implementation



## The Build Back Better Act

- The proposed Build Back Better Act is set to provide \$1.75 trillion for infrastructure and social programs
- The bill represents supplemental infrastructure investments which have been promoted by Democrats but unanimously opposed by Republicans



# H.R. 3684: Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act

## Bill sponsor



Rep. Peter DeFazio  
D-OR-4

## Background

- A bipartisan infrastructure bill for the United States to update and refurbish existing infrastructure and to promote resilience and reliability
- Provides funding for highway, transit, rail, research, power grid, and other major infrastructure investments and improvements

## Outlook

- The bipartisan bill was expected to be passed alongside a supplemental infrastructure bill proposed by Democrats
- The bill was passed alone and signed into law by President Biden in November 2021

## Key program investments



**\$73 billion**  
Electric Grid



**\$110 billion**  
Roads & Bridges



**\$66 billion**  
Passenger/Freight Rail



**\$55 billion**  
Water Infrastructure



**\$39 billion**  
Public Transit

## Status

**H.R. 3684**

Received Senate  
07/01/21

Passed Senate  
08/10/21

Differences  
resolved

Signed by  
president

Introduced House  
06/04/21

Passed House  
11/05/21



# S. 2377: Energy Infrastructure Act

## Bill sponsor



Sen. Joe Manchin III  
D-WV

## Background

- An infrastructure bill for the United States to enact new, inventive, and secure energy and cyber infrastructure technologies
- Also includes language to promote security of energy infrastructure against threats, both physical and cyber.

## Outlook

- The language of the bill was included within the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act

## Key provisions



Funding to increase electric grid resiliency and reliability



Promoting cybersecurity in energy infrastructure programs



Supply chain monitoring and efficiency programs

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# S. 2016: Surface Transportation Investment Act of 2021

## Bill sponsor



Sen. Maria Cantwell  
D-WA

## Background

- A bipartisan group of senators introduced the bill, which would devote \$35B to water infrastructure improvements
- On March 31, 2021, the White House introduced the American Jobs Plan, a \$2 trillion infrastructure package
- The Senate passed H.R.3684, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act in August, which included the full text of S.914

## Outlook

- The language of the bill was included within the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act

## Key provisions



Provides grants and funding for numerous rail programs



Promotes regulations for increased highway and vehicle safety



Research programs to improve transportation programs

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