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**To:** DCHC MPO Board

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**Title:** Standing Infrastructure Investments and Jobs Act Information Memo

**Executive Summary**

On November 6, 2021, Congress passed the Bipartisan Infrastructure Deal (Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act) (IIJA), a once-in-a-generation investment in national infrastructure and competitiveness. Among the IIJA's goals are several transportation-related investments in electric vehicles and infrastructure, passenger rail, airports and ports, public transit, and roads and bridges.

The funding for these programs will be distributed by state through formula grants and competitive grants, each with their own timeline and application requirements. This standing memo seeks to update the MPO Board and DCHC MPO jurisdictions regularly to grant and funding opportunities as they arise.

**Competitive Grants Overview and Updates**

While this list will be updated regularly as part of this standing memo, the most up to date information can be accessed via [the USDOT website](#).

**Existing programs**

Name	Amount Available	Description	Eligible to Apply	NOFO Release	Application Deadline
Safe Streets for All	\$6B	Supports efforts to advance Vision Zero plans and other improvements to reduce crashes and fatalities, especially for bike and ped.	MPO, Localities, States	May 2022	
Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE)	\$15B	Projects of local and regional significance			2022 Deadline passed, awaiting FY23 Application Release
Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA)	\$14B	Freight infrastructure aid.	MPO, Localities, States		2022 Applications open until 5.23.2022

FTA Low and No Emissions Bus Programs	\$5.6B	Purchase or lease of zero and low emission buses and required supporting facilities			2022 Applications open until 5.31.2022
FTA Buses & Bus Facilities	\$2.0B	Replace, rehab and purchase buses and related equipment and facilities			2022 Applications open until 5.31.2022
Capital Investment Grants (CIG)	\$23B	High-capacity transit projects			
<b>New programs</b>					
MEGA Projects	\$15B	Multi-modal, multi-jurisdictional projects	MPO, Localities, States		
Local and Regional Project Assistance Program	\$7.5B	Projects with significant local or regional impact that improve infrastructure	Localities, States		
Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation Program (PROTECT)	\$8.7B	Formula and competitive. Increase resiliency in transportation systems – mostly intended for coastal infrastructure	MPO, Localities, States		
FHWA Competitive Grants for Bridges	\$15.77B	Rehabilitation or replacement of bridges and culverts	MPO, Localities, States	May 2022	
Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary Grants	Up to \$2.5B	Provide convenient charging stations	MPO, Localities, States		
Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program	\$1B	Planning, design and reconstruction of street grids, parks, etc.	MPO, Localities, States	June 2022	
Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART)	\$1B	Projects that improve safety and efficiency	MPO, Localities, States	September 2022	
Wildlife Crossings Pilot Program	\$350M	Programs that seek to reduce wildlife-vehicle collisions	MPO, Localities, States		

### **Formula Grants Overview and Updates**

Formula grants to be increased by the IIJA include:

- National Highway Performance Program (NHPP)
- Surface Transportation Block Grants (STBG)
- Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ)

These formula grants will be apportioned through the customary process, and final splits will be calculated by the MPO and approved by the Board at the time of their release.

### **ESTIMATED DCHC MPO Formula Grant Appropriations – very much subject to change based on population splits, etc.**

<b>Grant Program</b>	<b>FY22 ESTIMATED Allocation</b>	<b>FY21 Allocation</b>
STBG-DA	\$6,450,683	\$5,757,635
PL	\$616,625	\$638,971
CMAQ	TBD	\$2,194,011
TAP-DA	\$812,081	\$411,468
Carbon Reduction Program – NEW	\$778,519	

### **Resources**

1. [USDOT Upcoming Notice of Funding Opportunity Announcements](#)
2. [FHWA 2021 IIJA Overview Presentation](#)
3. [Grants.gov](#)