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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.

**MPO Member Jurisdictions Current/Pending Grant Applications**

| Agency         | Grant Name                     | Project                           | Application Status                |
|----------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| City of Durham | RAISE                          | Safe Equitable Streets to Transit | Pending                           |
| DCHC MPO       | Safe Streets for All           | MPO-wide Safety Action Plan       | Application in process            |
| DCHC MPO       | Reconnecting Communities Pilot | TBD                               | Project determination in progress |
| GoTriangle     | RAISE                          | Regional Transit Center           | Submitted to USDOT                |

**Currently Open NOFO's**

| <b>Name</b>                            | <b>Amount Available</b>   | <b>Description</b>   | <b>Eligible to Apply</b> | <b>NOFO Release</b> | <b>Application Deadline</b>   |
|--|---|--|--------------------------|---------------------|---|
| 2022 Bridge Investment Program         | \$20M in FY22   | Rehabilitation or replacement of bridges and culverts  | MPO, Localities, States  | June 10, 2022       | <b>Planning: July 25, 2022</b><br><b>Large Bridge Project: August 9, 2022</b><br><b>Bridge Project: September 8, 2022</b> |
| 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            | 5PM on <b>September 15, 2022</b>  |
| Railroad Crossing Elimination Program  | \$573,264,000   | Highway-rail or pathway-rail grade crossing improvement projects that focus on improving the safety and mobility of people and goods | MPO, Localities, States  | June 2022           | 5PM on <b>October 4, 2022</b>   |
| Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program | \$195M in FY22 - \$50M for Planning & \$145M for Capital Construction | Planning, design and reconstruction of street grids, parks, etc.   | MPO, Localities, States  | June 29, 2022       | 12PM on <b>October 13, 2022</b>   |

## 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                                    |
|---|------------------|--|---|-----------------|---|
| <b>Safe Streets for All</b>   | <b>\$6B</b>      | <b>Supports efforts to advance Vision Zero plans and other improvements to reduce crashes and fatalities, especially for bike and ped.</b> | <b>MPO, Localities, States</b>                  | <b>May 2022</b> | <b>5PM on September 15, 2022</b>                        |
| 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                  |
| Fixed Guideway Capital Investment Grants (CIG)                            | \$23B            | High-capacity transit projects   |   |                 |   |
| Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements Program (CRISI)  | \$1B/year        | Improve safety, efficiency and reliability of intercity passenger and freight rail   | States, Rail Carriers, Public Agency/Aut hority | August 2022     |   |

### New programs

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|---|--------|--|-------------------------|--|--|
| 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- | \$8.7B | Formula and competitive. Increase resiliency in transportation systems         | MPO, Localities, States |  |  |

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| Saving Transportation Program (PROTECT)                           |  | – mostly intended for coastal infrastructure  |                                 |                      |   |
| 2022 Bridge Investment Program                                    | \$20M in FY22  | Rehabilitation or replacement of bridges and culverts   | MPO, Localities, States         | June 10, 2022        | <b>Planning: July 25, 2022</b><br><b>Large Bridge Project: August 9, 2022</b><br><b>Bridge Project: September 8, 2022</b> |
| Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary Grants          | Up to \$2.5B   | Provide convenient charging stations  | MPO, Localities, States         |                      |   |
| <b>Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program</b>                     | <b>\$195M in FY22 - \$50M for Planning &amp; \$145M for Capital Construction</b> | <b>Planning, design and reconstruction of street grids, parks, etc.</b>   | <b>MPO, Localities, States</b>  | <b>June 29, 2022</b> | <b>12PM on October 13, 2022</b>   |
| Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) | \$1B   | Demonstration projects focused on advanced smart community technologies and systems in order to improve transportation efficiency and safety.                             | MPO, Localities, States         | September 2022       | <a href="#">Webinar on July 28<sup>th</sup> at 1PM</a>  |
| Wildlife Crossings Pilot Program                                  | \$350M   | Programs that seek to reduce wildlife-vehicle collisions  | MPO, Localities, States         |                      |   |
| <b>Railroad Crossing Elimination Program</b>                      | \$573,264,000  | Highway-rail or pathway-rail grade crossing improvement projects that focus on improving the safety and mobility of people and goods                                      | MPO, Localities, States         | <b>June 2022</b>     | <b>5PM on October 4, 2022</b>   |
| Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail            | \$7.2B/year  | Reduce the state of good repair backlog, improve performance, or expand or <b>establish new intercity passenger rail service</b> , including privately operated intercity | States, Amtrak, Group of States | <b>October 2022</b>  |   |

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|  |  | passenger rail service if an eligible applicant is involved |  |  |  |
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### **Formula Grants Overview and Updates**

Formula grants to be increased by the IIJA include:

- 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.**

| Grant Program                    | FY22 ESTIMATED Allocation | FY21 Allocation |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| STBG-DA                          | \$6,450,683               | \$5,757,635     |
| PL                               | \$616,625                 | \$638,971       |
| CMAQ                             | TBD                       | \$2,194,011     |
| Transportation Alternatives (TA) | \$812,081                 | \$411,468       |
| Carbon Reduction Program – NEW   | \$778,519                 |                 |

### **Resources**

1. [DCHC MPO IIJA Project Catalog](#)
2. [USDOT Upcoming Notice of Funding Opportunity Announcements](#)
3. [FHWA 2021 IIJA Overview Presentation](#)
4. [Grants.gov](#)
5. [Federal Railroad Administration BIL Resources and Updates](#)