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Biden-Harris Administration Announces \$20.5 Million in Funding for Two Projects in Kentucky to Modernize Transportation and Make it More Affordable, Increase Safety and Strengthen Supply Chains

President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law more than doubles the funding for popular RAISE Program this year

Today, U.S. Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg announced that the Biden-Harris Administration has awarded \$20.6 million to support two projects in Kentucky from the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) program to help move forward on projects that modernize roads, bridges, transit, rail, ports, and intermodal transportation and make our transportation systems safer, more accessible, more affordable, and more sustainable. This year's total allocations nationwide include more than \$2.2 billion thanks to the President's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, which provides an additional \$7.5 billion over five years for the program to help meet the strong demand to help projects get moving across the country.

"We are proud to support so many outstanding infrastructure projects in communities large and small, modernizing America's transportation systems to make them safer, more affordable, more accessible, and more sustainable," **said U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg.** "Using funds from President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, this year we are supporting more projects than ever before."

Projects were evaluated on several criteria, including safety, environmental sustainability, quality of life, economic competitiveness and opportunity, partnership and collaboration, innovation, state of good repair, and mobility and community connectivity. Within these areas, the Department considered how projects will improve accessibility for all travelers, bolster supply chain efficiency, and support racial equity and economic growth – especially in historically disadvantaged communities and areas of persistent poverty.

In Kentucky, the following projects will benefit from RAISE awards:

- **Broadway All the Way Planning Project** – The City of Louisville will receive \$5 million for a planning project that will advance three specific Complete Streets projects. The first component will create a unified vision for premium transit on Route 23, the corridor’s main line, through public engagement; identification of locations for transfers, BRT connections, and ITS needs; and a disadvantaged workforce plan. The second component will create the shovel-ready plans for approximately 5.5 miles of Complete Street improvements on Broadway. The third component will complete preliminary and final design for bus station and bus rapid transit infrastructure on Baxter Avenue and Bardstown Road. This project impacts all modes of transportation along an approximately 10-mile stretch of three major roads that includes 30% of the bus routes in the city to help address safety issues and access to employment and critical services. This project particularly focuses on access to medical services and educational facilities for historically disadvantaged communities. It also supports economic competitiveness by including a disadvantaged workforce plan, redeveloping vacant land, brownfields, and parking lots into transit hubs, and providing travel time savings for commuters
- **Reimagine 9th Street** – The City of Louisville will receive \$15.5 million to transform 9th Street from a six-lane thoroughfare into a Complete Street with a large pedestrian zone, bicycle facilities and bus lanes, green infrastructure, and appealing public spaces. The project will also convert one-way traffic to two-way on Muhammad Ali Boulevard and Chestnut Street/River Park Drive. This Complete Street project will create safe, affordable transportation options while also helping to encourage economic growth in this community. It also will help to reconnect a historically Black underserved community that has been divided by this six-lane highway. The redevelopment of two other streets from one-way to two-way will also help to improve safety by helping to slow traffic.

Today, Secretary Buttigieg is in Tucson and Phoenix where he is visiting two of the projects receiving RAISE awards. Later this month the Secretary and other senior USDOT officials will fan out across the country to visit additional sites that are receiving RAISE awards to highlight the ways that the President’s Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is helping invest in communities and get important infrastructure projects moving in communities large and small.

The full list of awards can be found [here](#).

Additional background:

- 2022 RAISE grants are for planning and capital investments that support roads, bridges, transit, rail, ports, or intermodal transportation.
- 50% of funding is designated for projects in rural areas, and 50% of the funding is designated for projects in urban areas.
- Nearly two-thirds of projects are located in areas of persistent poverty or historically disadvantaged communities.
- The largest grant award is \$25 million. Per statute, no more than \$341.25 million could be awarded to a single state in this round of funding.
- Among this year’s selected projects, 11 included a local hire provision.

- Several projects include workforce development aspects including four projects that have project labor agreements, eight projects that have registered apprenticeship programs and an additional eight projects with other workforce development provisions.

The RAISE program is one of several ways communities can secure funding for projects under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law's competitive grant programs. Later this year, the Biden-Harris Administration will announce recipients of the first-ever National Infrastructure Project Assistance (MEGA) program, as well as the Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) program and the Rural Surface Transportation Grant Program (RURAL).

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