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**Biden-Harris Administration Announces \$40.2 Million in Funding for Two Projects in Massachusetts 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 \$40.2 million to support two projects in Massachusetts 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 Massachusetts, the following projects will benefit from RAISE awards:

- **Lynnway Multimodal Corridor** – The Massachusetts Department of Transportation will receive \$20.2 million to provide design and construction services for center-running bus lanes, enhanced bus stops, a bi-directional separated bike lane, and sidewalk improvements on the Lynnway Corridor (MA Route 1A) between the General Edwards Bridge and Broad Street. The project will enable residents in an area with high housing and transportation costs to use active transportation, helping to improve the reliability and experience of travel from Lynn to Boston. The project sponsor explicitly considered racial equity when designing public outreach strategies, and the application demonstrates that input was received and incorporated from more than 1,000 across diverse demographics.
- **Roxbury Resilient Transportation Corridors** – The City of Boston will receive \$20 million to reconstruct and upgrade three corridors in the Roxbury neighborhood of Boston, including an approximately 0.88-mile section of Melnea Cass Boulevard; an approximately 0.46-mile section of Malcolm X Boulevard; and an approximately 1.28-mile section of Warren Street. The project will construct dedicated bus corridors, including a center running dedicated bus lane, new sidewalks, bus shelters, separated bicycle facilities, intersection improvements, green infrastructure, stormwater improvements, and resiliency features. The project will transform a community that has been underserved and overburdened by creating a safer street while promoting active transportation choices. The project will use sensors and data technologies to improve three corridors that will provide affordable transportation options. This can improve residents' health, support the viability of the neighborhoods, and boost economic growth of local businesses. This project also includes green infrastructure to mitigate hot island effects. The project will provide opportunities for Disadvantaged Business Enterprises with collaboration between Boston Transportation Department and the Boston Office of Economic Development and the Economic Development Cabinet.

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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