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Biden-Harris Administration Announces Nearly \$48.2 Million in Funding for Five Projects in Missouri 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 \$48.2 million to support five projects in Missouri 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 Missouri, the following projects will benefit from RAISE awards:

- **Bi-State Sustainable Reinvestment Corridor** – The Mid-America Regional Council will receive \$5.6 million to fund planning activities for an east-west high-capacity transit corridor from Village West in Wyandotte County, Kansas through downtown Kansas City, Missouri to Independence, Missouri. It will complete project development and environmental documentation for zero-emission transportation elements, and advance engineering design for one or more high-capacity transit routes. The project will reduce emissions and enhance public transportation, improve walkability, and improve bicycle infrastructure through the incorporation of zero emission transportation options. It will also improve regional connectivity to economic opportunities in disadvantaged communities, including workforce training.
- **Noland Multimodal Corridor** – The City of Independence will receive \$10.1 million to create an approximate 1.7-mile multimodal corridor along the pre-existing Noland Road. It includes adding dedicated north and south bound bike lanes, replacement of more than three miles of derelict sidewalks to be ADA compliant, push-button pedestrian signals, and transit stop improvements. The project will provide safety improvements for all users of the corridor to allow for safer and more accessible transportation. The project will also provide a continuous ADA compliant sidewalk and ramps, which ties into the City's initiative to create a revitalized commercial district.
- **South Main Corridor Improvement Project Phase II** – The City of Maryville will receive \$5.9 million for a planning project for Phase II of the South Main Corridor Improvement Project that will build on ongoing work to relieve congestion and safely connect residents in underserved neighborhoods to jobs and services via the South Main Street corridor, a common route to downtown. The Phase II planning project, which will analyze crash data includes reviewing existing traffic conditions, lane configurations, signal spacing and timings, traffic control devices, crash patterns and availability of sidewalks and bike routes along the corridor. By relieving congestion and better connecting communities through an important corridor, the project will increase transportation options and help connect and revitalize an underserved community and increase access to jobs and location-efficient affordable housing, resulting in economic benefits.
- **US 69 Safe Streets & Sidewalks** – The City of Excelsior Springs will receive \$21.5 million to rebuild approximately 2 miles of existing streets with curb, gutter, storm drainage, and sidewalks, add approximately 2.3 miles of sidewalk along existing streets, and add approximately 2.5 miles of trail along US-69. The project also includes nine intersections improvements, with signal modifications, roundabouts or pedestrian overpasses. The project will make a dangerous and unwalkable area safe and walkable for pedestrians of all abilities, while incorporating innovative green infrastructure design. The project will connect two separated communities, as well as increase transportation options and access to essential destinations.
- **US 71 Reconnecting Neighborhoods** – The City of Kansas City will receive \$5 million for this planning project, which includes a Planning and Environmental Linkages study, NEPA analysis, and conceptual design for US 71, from 85th Street north to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard in Kansas City. The planning project will create safe, accessible, non-motorized travel routes and will close an existing gap to create a multimodal transit system. The project seeks to reconnect this underserved community that is bisected by a six-lane highway.

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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