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Biden-Harris Administration Announces \$48.9 Million in Funding for Two Projects in Nevada 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 \$48.9 million to support two projects in Nevada 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 Nevada, the following projects will benefit from RAISE awards:

- **Victory Infrastructure** – The City of Fernley will receive \$25 million to complete the planning, environmental studies, engineering design, and construction for the Victory Project which will complete the Nevada Pacific Parkway connection from I-80 to Highway 50. Specifically, the project will fund the Nevada Pacific Parkway roadway and bridge component, including a new switch off the Union Pacific mainline railroad (Segment 1a) and the segment of lead rail from that new switch to the point of connection of the first switch (Segment 1b) of three that will create a “rail switching yard”. The project will deliver industrial lead access to the entire Victory Logistics District industrial park Through road, bridge, and rail improvements. The project creates an inland port with capacity for rail switching that will create more capacity with dual access to Union Pacific Railroad and Burlington Northern Santa Fe rail lines, increasing supply chain efficiency and helping to lower the costs of goods. This transportation infrastructure will help the growth of Victory Logistics which is expected to create between 7,000-10,000 jobs over the next 5 years. The project will also improve transportation options for all road users by improving sidewalk and bike paths. Safety will also improve from the proposed extension by moving traffic much more efficiently and reducing the systemic safety issues associated with traffic congestion.
- **City of Las Vegas GREENVision Stewart Avenue Complete Streets** – The City of Las Vegas will receive \$23.9 million for the installation of a protected two-way cycle track (east of Eastern Avenue), sidewalk widening and obstruction removal to meet or exceed ADA accessibility guidelines, upgraded lighting, bus stop improvements and amenities, the addition of significant landscaping and street trees, prediction technologies for cyclists and pedestrians near intersections, and a corridor-wide speed limit reduction. The project will redevelop a neighborhood corridor to serve underserved residents in the local community. The project will create safe, accessible, non-motorized transportation options by reducing vehicle speeds, creating a dedicated bike lane, improving sidewalks, removing obstructions, and planting hundreds of street trees.

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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