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**Biden-Harris Administration Announces \$59.2 Million in Funding for Five Projects in New York 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 \$59.2 million to support five projects in New York 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 New York, the following projects will benefit from RAISE awards:

- **Southern Tier Regional Transit Hub** – The Seneca Nation of Indians will receive \$7.6 million to develop and construct the Southern Tier Regional Transit Hub, a transit facility comprised of a combined transit hub and bus storage facility that will be operated by the Seneca Nation Department of Transportation (SNDOT) and Seneca Transit System (STS). The project will extend the life of buses and equipment by creating sheltered spots for maintenance and storage of fleet vehicles. This facility will also provide riders with sheltered places to make transit connections, offering protection from adverse weather and improving the transit experience.
- **Comprehensive Roadway Infrastructure Planning and Design Project** – The Shinnecock Indian Nation will receive \$1.1 million for this planning project to provide comprehensive roadway infrastructure planning and design services, for the Shinnecock Indian Nation’s existing roads, using the Complete Streets approach. Grant funding will also be used to update the Nation’s Long-Range Transportation Plan. The improvements will upgrade roads to accommodate both motorized and non-motorized transportation and improve safety for all users. The project will reduce emissions through improved traffic flow and more cycling and walking options. The project will widen the roads, making them more accessible to existing public transit, reducing vehicle dependence. The project will strengthen the local economy through improved access to essential and recreational destinations.
- **North Genesee Street Gateway Bridge and Multi-Modal Connector Project** – The New York State Department of Transportation will receive \$18.2 million to replace two aging bridges and make bike/pedestrian improvements with the installation of multi-use lanes along North Genesee Street and turn lanes to promote traffic calming. The project will provide reliable access for residents to safely connect to better job opportunities, retail, essential services, and recreational trails for all modes of transportation, including affordable non-motorized transportation, without the risk of road closures or load limits. The project will provide improved safety and travel time reliability by improving at-risk infrastructure, improving transit connection and safer access to pedestrian and bike options.
- **NYC Greenway Expansion Planning** – The City of New York will receive nearly \$7.3 million for this planning project to enable a major expansion of the NYC greenway network, with a focus on underdeveloped greenway sections. The project will result in an Early Action corridor plan, Future Action corridor plans, and a greenways vision plan. The project will reduce crashes and injuries by installing dedicated bike lanes to help protect cyclists. It will also increase transportation options and reduce vehicle miles traveled, as well as incorporate innovative recycled pavement materials into construction. The project will help fill the gaps between existing greenway paths which will reduce the burden of commuting to employment centers and provide access to more transit stations.
- **Transforming Main Street** – The City of Buffalo will receive \$25 million to improve an approximate 2.5-mile corridor of Main Street into a multimodal Complete Streets. The project will improve safety through decreased emergency response times. It will also expand non-motorized transportation options for the traveling public by creating a dedicated cycle track with smart bicycle signal sensors. The cycle track will allow for safer and more efficient bicycle travel to major employment centers along the corridor, providing economic benefits and connecting people to jobs.

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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