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**Biden-Harris Administration Announces \$25.4 Million in Funding for Two Projects in Utah 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 \$25.4 million to support two projects in Utah 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 Utah, the following projects will benefit from RAISE awards:

- **Planning and Optimizing a Multi-Modal Logistics Center in Southern Utah** – The Utah Inland Port Authority will receive \$445,000 for a planning project that will fund a market assessment and business case analysis for a multi-modal logistics center and related infrastructure needs in southern Utah. The project will eventually result in the construction of the multimodal logistics center that will reduce truck transport and expand the capabilities of the freight rail movement. The reduction of truck transport will have environmental benefits through the improved air quality by shifting from trucks to rail for local businesses. Expansion in freight service will enable more efficient movement of supply chain goods, thus improving mobility.
- **State Route 224 Battery Electric Bus and BRT Project** – Summit County will receive \$25 million to add 12-foot, side-running, dedicated bus lanes in both directions of State Route 224 between Kimball Junction and Park City, add two new BRT stations, upgrade three existing stations, procure five electric transit vehicles/charging equipment, and make operational and ITS upgrades at corridor intersections. The project will provide more transportation options and reduce emissions and other negative environmental outcomes by incorporating electric vehicles and renewable energy infrastructure. The project will improve the quality and user experience of the current system, and will increase travel time reliability, improving efficient access to essential destinations.

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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