Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

On Monday, November 15th, 2021, President Biden signed into law the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), a $1.2 trillion infrastructure spending package that includes a five-year reauthorization of surface transportation programs, as well as $550 billion in new federal investments to rebuild America’s crumbling infrastructure. The bill will repair our roads and bridges, create millions of good-paying jobs, make high-speed internet accessible for all Americans, safeguard clean drinking water, and help combat the climate crisis.

What this means for Floridians is less traffic, shorter commutes, more products available at grocery stores and other retailers, faster shipping of goods, lower costs for consumers, cheaper energy bills, and cleaner water, just to name a few.

To **upgrade traditional infrastructure** such as **roads, bridges, transit, airports, ports, and water infrastructure**, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act includes:

- A historic **$110 billion investment in America’s crumbling roads and bridges** to reduce congestion and shorten commutes.
  - For Florida that means:
    - Nearly **$16 billion in state formula funds for highways, bridges, and transit**, including:
      - $13.1 billion for highways;
      - $245 million for bridge replacement and repairs; and
      - $2.6 billion for public transit.
    - Florida is also eligible for **$12.5 billion in competitive, discretionary funds** through the Bridge Investment Program for economically important bridges and **$16 billion in competitive, discretionary funds for major projects** that are too large or complex for traditional transportation funding programs.
  - **$39 billion** in new spending to **modernize public transit and improve accessibility** for seniors and individuals with disabilities;
  - **$25 billion to repair and upgrade airports** to speed up the transport of people and cargo;
    - For Florida that means **$1.2 billion for airports**.
  - **$17 billion for ports and waterways** to ease shipping congestion and move goods more quickly;
  - **$55 billion for clean drinking water and wastewater infrastructure**, including:
    - $15 billion for lead pipe replacement;
    - $10 billion to address dangerous PFAS (per- and polyfluoroalkyl) chemicals; and
    - **$23.4 billion** for **Clean Water State Revolving Fund and Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund programs**;
      - For Florida that means **$1.6 billion** in state revolving formula funds to **improve water infrastructure**.

To **fight the climate crisis, make our infrastructure more resilient, and boost clean energy transmission**, this legislation includes:

- **$7.5 billion to build out a national network of electric vehicle chargers**;
  - For Florida, that means
    - **$198 million for EV charging**; and
    - The ability to apply for **$2.5 billion in grant funding** for EV charging.
- **$50 billion to protect our infrastructure** from hurricanes, floods, extreme heat, wildfires, and cyberattacks;
  - For Florida, that means:
    - **$26 million to protect against wildfires**;
    - **$29 million to protect against cyberattacks**; and
    - Access to **$3.5 billion in national funding** for **weatherization upgrades**.
- **$65 billion for clean energy transmission and grid technology upgrades** to facilitate the expansion of renewable energy sources and lower energy costs for consumers.

To improve access to **broadband and high-speed internet**, this legislation includes:

- **$65 billion to make reliable high-speed internet available to every American**;
  - For Florida that means **$100 million for broadband coverage**, which will **provide access to the more than 700,000 Floridians** who currently lack high-speed broadband.