

INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND JOBS ACT TRANSIT SYSTEMS



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT
OF TRANSPORTATION

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), signed on November 15, 2021, is a reauthorization of the federal surface transportation act.



What does the IIJA mean for Florida's transit systems?

The law authorizes up to **\$108 billion nationally** for public transportation, the largest federal investment in U.S. history. It creates new opportunities for Florida's **30 urban fixed-route systems and its rural and demand-responsive systems.**

ENHANCEMENTS TO CORE PROGRAMS

- **Fixed Guideway Capital Investment Grants (CIG) Program** (up to **\$23 billion nationally**), also known as 5309, has new thresholds and eligibility for the **New Starts**, **Small Starts**, and **Core Capacity** programs. IIJA also establishes a bundling process to move multiple projects through the CIG pipeline simultaneously.
- **Urbanized Area Formula Grants** increase to more than **\$33.5 billion nationally.**
- **Rural Area Formula Grants** increase to nearly **\$4.6 billion nationally.**

New Transit-Eligible Programs

Transit funding expands through other new discretionary programs.

- The **National Infrastructure Project Assistance (NIPA) Program** (**\$10 billion**), also known as MEGA, is a new competitive program that supports multimodal, multi-jurisdictional projects of national or regional significance. Eligibility includes intercity passenger rail and public transportation projects.
- The **Rural Surface Transportation Grant Program** (**\$1 billion**) is a new competitive program focused on improving connectivity, safety, and reliability in rural areas. Eligible projects include integrated mobility management systems, and on-demand mobility services.

National transit funding:

INCREASE BY 64%
FOR FY 2022–FY 2026,
COMPARED TO THE FAST ACT.

Florida's estimated public transit formula funding:

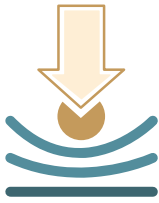
\$2.8 BILLION
FOR FIVE YEARS.
IN FY 2022, FLORIDA RECEIVED
\$565 MILLION,
38%
MORE THAN FY 2021.

Emphasis: Safety, Modernization, Resilience, and Equity



MODERNIZATION

The IIJA's investment will help repair and upgrade aging transit infrastructure and modernize bus and rail fleets. The law provides **\$23.1 billion nationally** over five years through [*State of Good Repair Grants*](#) (SGR). A new competitive grant program under SGR provides **\$1.2 billion** for rail vehicle replacement.



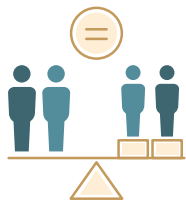
RESILIENCE

Funding will support replacement of thousands of transit vehicles with low- and no-emission vehicles. For example, [*Buses and Bus Facilities Program*](#) (**\$2 billion, competitive portion**) and the [*Low or No Emission Vehicle Program*](#) (**\$2 billion**) offer competitive grants requiring projects related to vehicles include a Zero-Emission Transition Plan.

[*Ferry Service for Rural Communities*](#) (**\$1 billion**) and [*Electric or Low-Emitting Ferry Pilot*](#) (**\$250 million**) are competitive grant programs that provide for the purchase of ferries, as well as acquisition, construction, and leasing of supporting facilities.

The [*Carbon Reduction Program*](#) (**\$6.4 billion**) is a new formula funding program that supports the reduction of transportation emissions. Transit projects are eligible.

[*Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-saving Transportation \(PROTECT\)*](#) (**\$8.7 billion**) is a new program providing (formula) funding (**\$7.3 billion**) as well as competitive grant funding (**\$1.4 billion**) to support planning, resilience improvements, and at-risk coastal infrastructure. Public transportation facilities are eligible. Local governments may apply directly for funding for competitive grants.



EQUITY

Across all programs, the new law aims to improve service for communities that have historically had more limited access. Additionally, the [*All Stations Accessibility Program*](#) (ASAP) (**\$1.8 billion**) is a new discretionary program that funds capital projects to upgrade the legacy rail fixed guideway transit systems for people with disabilities.

What's Next ?



Where Can I Learn More?

- » [FDOT IIJA Information](#) (see the Spreadsheet under the Formula and Competitive Programs link)
- » [Federal Register FTA Notice of Program Changes and Interim Guidance](#) (April 28, 2022)
- » [Federal Transit Administration \(FTA\) IIJA Information](#)
- » [FDOT Public Transit Office](#)