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Total Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Funding Announced for California

California has had **\$18.82 billion**ⁱ announced in Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) funding (formula and discretionary). Of this amount, **\$14.81**ⁱⁱ billion is dedicated to transportation-related projects, **\$3.80 billion**ⁱⁱⁱ is dedicated to clean energy, power, and environment projects, **\$176.54 million**^{iv} is dedicated to broadband projects, and **\$35.90 million**^v is for other projects.

Total Projects Funded with IIJA Funding

As of January 30, 2023, California has invested **\$3.25 billion**^{vi} in transportation projects.

Total Jobs Created

Since January 30, 2023, **42,308 jobs**^{vii} have been created in California.

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise

From October 1, 2022, through March 31, 2023, Caltrans has awarded **24.74 percent** of contracts to Disadvantaged Business Enterprise. Our goal for Federal Fiscal Years 2022-2024 is **22.2 percent**.^{viii}

Investments in Disadvantaged Communities

As of October 4, 2022, a total of **\$3.76 billion** on 843 Active Transportation Program projects will benefit disadvantaged communities throughout California. Four of the 208 projects in Northern California, totaling **\$14.7 million**, are

statewide initiatives, which support transportation partners across California to increase their opportunity to successfully deliver active transportation projects. Moreover, **93.8%** of Active Transportation Program project dollars (**\$3.76 billion out of \$4.0 billion**) benefit disadvantaged communities.^{ix}

Notable Grant Awards

On April 28, 2023, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) awarded \$21.8 million to 33 byway projects in 29 states, including five Tribal Lands. These are the first National Scenic Byways Program grants awarded since 2012. See the [press release](#). California was awarded **\$4.5 million** for three projects, two went to Federally Recognized Tribes. Although this program received \$16 million from the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, and \$6 million from the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022, we want to highlight it in this section.

California has received almost **\$2.1 billion** in transportation discretionary grants for **300 projects**. This represents **12.35 percent** of the national total. Please find attached a supplementary spreadsheet for the data on California's grant awards we are presently tracking.

Note: The Rail Vehicle Replacement and Railroad Crossing Elimination awards will be announced soon.

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Active Notices of Funding Opportunity and their Deadlines

- [Public Transportation Emergency Relief Funds for Transit Systems Affected by Major Declared Disasters Occurring in Calendar Years 2017 & 2020-2022](#) – 5/26/2023
- [Charging and Fueling Infrastructure \(CFI\) Program](#) – 5/30/2023
- [Regional Infrastructure Accelerators Grant Program](#) – 5/30/2023
- [Reduction of Truck Emissions at Port Facilities \(RTEPF\) Grant Program](#) – 6/26/2023
- [Public Transportation on Indian Reservations Program \(Tribal Transit Program\)](#) – 6/26/2023
- [Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant Program](#) – 7/10/2023
- [Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost Saving Transportation \(PROTECT\) Discretionary](#) – 8/18/2023

Notable Highlights

- April 12 – The USDOT's FHWA announced a [Request for Information](#) (RFI) seeking public input on environmental review processes that can be improved under the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA). Comments are due by June 1, 2023. More information is [here](#).
- April 21 – The USDOT announced over 30 new commitments from organizations that are supporting the Department's [National Roadway Safety Strategy](#) and taking action to reverse the crisis that is killing more than 40,000 people on American roads each

year. **More information on the USDOT's Call to Action is [here](#).**

- April 26 – The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) is proposing new safety requirements to protect transit workers and riders. A Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) is published [here](#). Comments are due by June 26, 2023.
- April 28 - The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) invites public input to review four key considerations of its civil aviation noise policy, in the context of noise metrics and noise thresholds. The FAA published a Federal Notice [here](#) to solicit comments and will hold [Noise Policy Review Webinars](#). Comments are due by July 31, 2023.

Current Call for Caltrans Letter of Support (LOS) & Partnership Requests

- Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program for FY23 (LOS Request Only) – Requests DUE **May 19, 2023**
- Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) Program for FY22 and FY23 – Requests DUE **June 30, 2023**
- Wildlife Crossings Pilot Program (FY22/23) - Contact your [District Representative](#) for a letter of support.

For more information and to apply:
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Anticipated IIJA Notices of Funding Opportunity

- [Advanced Transportation Technology and Innovation \(ATTAIN\)](#) – **This week ...**
Provides grants to deploy, install, and operate advanced transportation technologies to improve safety, mobility, efficiency, system performance, intermodal connectivity, and infrastructure return on investment.
- Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant Opportunity (Mega, INFRA, and Rural) – **May 2023**
 - [National Infrastructure Project Assistance Program \(MEGA\)](#)
Provides grants to surface transportation infrastructure that are too large or complex for traditional funding programs that will have a significant national or regional impact.
 - [Nationally Significant Multimodal Freight and Highway Projects \(INFRA\)](#)
Provides grants for multimodal freight and highway projects of national or regional significance.
 - [Rural Surface Transportation Grant Program](#)
Provides grants for projects to improve and expand the surface transportation infrastructure in rural areas to increase connectivity, improve the safety and reliability of the movement of people and freight, and generate regional economic growth and improve quality of life.
- [Ferry Service for Rural Communities Program; Passenger Ferry Boat Program](#) – **May 2023 ...**
Capital and operating assistance for a ferry service that operated a regular schedule at any time during the five-year period ending March 1, 2020 and served not less than two rural areas located more than 50 sailing miles apart.

Please see the U. S. Department of Transportation's (USDOT) [weblink](#) for a list of anticipated dates for upcoming Notices of Funding Opportunity (NOFOs) for IIJA and the IRA, as well as adjacent programs that support IIJA and IRA objectives. The list on this website is not comprehensive and will be updated periodically with additional programs and revised dates, as appropriate.

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Want to Compete for Federal Grant Funding Opportunities? Technical Assistance and Resources

Webinars

- Regional Infrastructure Accelerators (RIA) Program – An Informational Webinar was held Monday, May 1, 2023. View the slides [here!](#)
- Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grants Webinar ([Registration](#) is required): May 2, 2023, 1:30-3:00 pm (EDT) – SS4A: Implementation Grants
- PROTECT Discretionary Grant Program Webinar – How to Apply (Registration is required).
 - [May 8, 10 am-11 am](#)
 - [May 11, 10 am-11 am](#)
- FTA will host a webinar on Wednesday, May 10 from 2 pm-3 pm (EDT) to discuss the proposed new requirements and how to submit comments on the proposed changes. Registration for the webinar is now open and will be recorded and online for future reference. Wildlife Crossings Pilot Program Webinar – Tribal Governments Session (Registration is required).
 - [May 17, 10:30 am-12 pm](#)
- USDOT's Navigator Quarterly Webinar: USDOT will host its second Navigator webinar in May. More info TBA.

Technical Assistance and Resources

- [Technical Assistance Guide for Communities](#) – Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Technical Assistance Guide. A list of federal resources to help communities deliver infrastructure projects.
- [DOT Navigator](#) – The DOT Navigator is a new resource to help communities understand the best ways to apply for grants, and to plan for/deliver transformative infrastructure projects/services.
- [Whitehouse Open and Upcoming Infrastructure Funding Opportunities](#) – This document highlights funding opportunities that communities can apply for today as well as a calendar of key upcoming funding opportunities for 2023.
- [TRAINING & RESOURCES | Caltrans Local Assistance](#) – Offers training classes for local and tribal agencies in coordination with the Local Technical Assistance Program ([LTAP](#)) and with funds from the Cooperative Training Assistance Program ([CTAP](#)). In partnership with California universities, these subsidized classes assist local and tribal agencies with the federal-aid process, as well as infrastructure management, worker and work site safety, and workforce development.
- [Caltrans' Community Project Funding/Congressionally Directed Spending Website](#) – Provides information on Congressionally-selected projects that have been funded and written into law as part of the annual appropriations process.
- [CalSTA's IIJA Implementation Website](#) – Offers resources and materials related to their effort to implement the IIJA with California transportation stakeholders.
- [Caltrans' 2022 IIJA Policy Narrative](#) – This document highlights the significant progress that CalSTA and Caltrans have been working with its partners to implement the legislation.

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ⁱ <https://www.whitehouse.gov/build/maps-of-progress>

ⁱⁱ <https://d2d.gsa.gov/report/bipartisan-infrastructure-law-bil-maps-dashboard>

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^{vi} <http://rebuildingca.ca.gov/iiija-by-the-numbers>

^{vii} <http://rebuildingca.ca.gov/iiija-by-the-numbers> - (based on 13,000 jobs per \$1B invested)

^{viii} <http://rebuildingca.ca.gov/iiija-by-the-numbers>

^{ix} <http://rebuildingca.ca.gov/investments-in-disadvantaged-communities>