



How the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is creating economic opportunity in Philadelphia

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) provides \$1.2T over five years, 2022 - 2026. It is the largest long-term infrastructure investment in our nation's history. The City of Philadelphia has a goal to secure over \$1B in BIL funding by 2026. To prepare for the influx in infrastructure funding, Philadelphia must get ready. The city needs a diverse, trained workforce and increased capacity among diverse businesses in key industries.

How will the City ensure BIL creates jobs and promotes equity for Philadelphians?

The City has increased its coordination and staff capacity to increase the chances of winning grants and funding. The City's goals are:

Goal 1: Secure \$1 billion in federal BIL funding to build Philadelphia infrastructure

Goal 2: Ensure that infrastructure workers, from planning to construction, look more like the population of Philadelphia

Goal 3: Increase participation of historically underutilized businesses (HUBs) on City contracts

What jobs and industries will experience growth with increased infrastructure building?

Prime Contractors:

- Highway, Street, and Bridge Construction
- Commercial and Institutional Building Construction
- Electrical Contractors and Other Wiring Installation Contractors
- Water and Sewer Line and Related Structures Construction
- Plumbing, Heating, and AirConditioning Contractors industries

Sub-contractors:

- Contractors: Poured Concrete and Precast Concrete, Framing, Masonry, Glazing, Foundation, Structure
- Services: Trucking, Warehousing, Landscaping, Architectural, Engineering, Surveying Mapping, Administrative Management, Solid Waste Collection, Remediation
- Manufacturing: Concrete, Cement, Brick, Stone, Asphalt Paving

Workforce:

- Construction Laborers
- Construction Equipment Operators
- Electricians
- Operating Engineers
- Carpenters



Image: The Chinatown Stitch was awarded a \$1.8 million planning grant and a \$158.9 million implementation grant from the Reconnecting Communities program via BIL and IRA. This project will include the first phase of construction for a cap over the expressway and incorporates traffic calming enhancements.

Which projects is the City prioritizing?

In the first three years of the BIL, the City has been awarded new federal grants and financing, including:

\$92.5 M

Allocated to the Department of Aviation in formula funding for projects related to runways, taxiways, safety, and sustainability.

\$74.4 M

Allocated to the Department of Aviation for terminal and restroom upgrades to PHL Airport.

\$340.1 M*

Allocated to the Department of Streets and Office of Transportation, Infrastructure, and Sustainability (OTIS) for upgrades to transportation infrastructure.

*Includes funding from the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA)

\$700 M

In the form of low-interest loans to Philadelphia Water Department (PWD) for upgrading water, sewer, and stormwater services.

\$99 M

Allocated for essential water infrastructure, resilience initiatives, and clean energy projects.

Highlighted Projects

The **Martin Luther King Bridge Project** is entirely funded through federal formula dollars. This project involves rehabilitation work both the bridge’s superstructure and substructure. Additionally, it includes tasks such as the painting of the steel girders, roadway approach work, street lighting enhancements, and implementation of ADA curb ramps.

The **North Philadelphia School Zones Traffic Safety Project** will construct multimodal enhancements, improve accessibility, and enhance mobility around six schools and high injury corridors.