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## WHY WASHINGTON SHOULD TAKE THE WIN ON INFRASTRUCTURE

President Biden describes the infrastructure agreement he negotiated with a bipartisan Senate group as “a once-in-a-generation investment to modernize our infrastructure that will create millions of good-paying jobs and position America to compete with the world and win the 21st century.” No Labels agrees with the president which is why we believe Congress should move immediately to pass a bipartisan infrastructure bill. We explain the significance of the proposal’s key provisions below.

| WHAT IS IN THE PROPOSAL   | WHY IT MATTERS  |
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| \$109 Billion for Roads and Bridges   | Bad roads cost Americans \$500 every year in car repairs and wasted fuel. [1]   |
| \$73 Billion for Electric Power Infrastructure  | The Dept. of Energy in 2019 said power outages cost the US economy \$150 billion annually. [2]  |
| \$65 Billion for High-Speed Internet Access   | Last year the FCC said 21 million Americans lacked broadband; others say the number is higher. [3]  |
| \$55 Billion for Clean Drinking Water   | As many as 10 million US homes and 400,000 schools with dangerous drinking water. [4]   |
| \$49 Billion for Public Transit and \$66 Billion for Passenger and Freight Rail         | Represents the largest federal investment in public transit and in Amtrak in US history. [5]  |
| \$47 Billion for Coastal and Climate Resilience   | Louisiana loses a football field worth of land every 100 minutes on average. [6]  |
| \$25 Billion for Airports   | “If I took you and blindfolded you and took you to LaGuardia Airport in New York, you’d think, ‘I must be in some third-world country’...I’m not joking.” – Joe Biden   |
| \$16 Billion for Ports and Waterways  | In 2018 the American Assn. of Port Authorities said ports needed \$20 billion in investments due to growing volume. [7]   |
| \$7.5 Billion for Electric Vehicle Chargers and \$7.5 Billion for Electric Buses/Trucks | The plan calls for “dramatic levels of spending to cut carbon emissions from transportation, most notably by creating a network of charging stations across the country for battery-powered cars and trucks,” Forbes reports. [8] |

[1] Read, R. (2017, April 27). America, we have an infrastructure problem, and this documentary is here to explain it. Retrieved from [https://www.washingtonpost.com/cars/america-we-have-an-infrastructure-problem-and-this-documentary-is-here-to-explain-it/2017/04/27/a32cedd8-2b7d-11e7-9081-f5405f56d3e4\\_story.html?utm\\_term=.b27d02a284ed](https://www.washingtonpost.com/cars/america-we-have-an-infrastructure-problem-and-this-documentary-is-here-to-explain-it/2017/04/27/a32cedd8-2b7d-11e7-9081-f5405f56d3e4_story.html?utm_term=.b27d02a284ed)

[2] [https://www.generatorsource.com/The\\_High\\_Cost\\_of\\_Power\\_Outages.aspx](https://www.generatorsource.com/The_High_Cost_of_Power_Outages.aspx)

[3] <https://www.pewtrusts.org/en/research-and-analysis/reports/2020/02/how-states-are-expanding-broadband-access>

[4] <https://theconversation.com/bidens-infrastructure-plan-targets-lead-pipes-that-threaten-public-health-across-the-us-158277>

[5] <https://www.masstransitmag.com/management/article/21228194/bipartisan-infrastructure-deal-what-does-it-mean-for-transit>

[6] <https://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2019/04/01/louisianas-disappearing-coast>

[7] <https://www.constructiondive.com/news/us-ports-need-20b-of-infrastructure-authority-says/525287/>

[8] <https://www.forbes.com/sites/alanoahnsman/2021/06/24/tweaked-infrastructure-plan-keeps-funds-for-bidens-ev-chargers/?sh=10d44e141657>