

Job-Creating Infrastructure Investments in Washington State Under the Biden Administration's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

Unlike previous administrations that talked about—but never negotiated and passed—major infrastructure investments, the Biden Administration made this an early priority. The 2021 passage of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) made an unprecedented \$1.2 trillion investment into rebuilding America.

That investment is creating hundreds of thousands of Union jobs in the building and construction trades, the vast majority of which are subject to **Davis-Bacon prevailing wage standards**.

In Washington state, billions of dollars have been (and continue to be) allocated to build roads and bridges, rail, public transportation, airport and port upgrades, ferries, clean-energy facilities, environmental remediation, and high-speed internet.

Following are just a few examples of the projects funded via the BIL. (Note: Billions worth of additional job-creating projects, not listed here, are being created by the Biden Administration's Inflation Reduction Act and the CHIPS & Science Act.)

HIGHWAY PROJECTS—An estimated \$4.5 billion, plus another \$300 million for roadway safety projects in Washington.

BRIDGES—\$605 million for bridge replacement and repairs like:

- \$25 million to rehabilitate the movable span of the Salmon Bay Bridge connecting Magnolia and Ballard in Seattle

AIRPORTS—\$384.7 million in airport infrastructure grants for projects like:

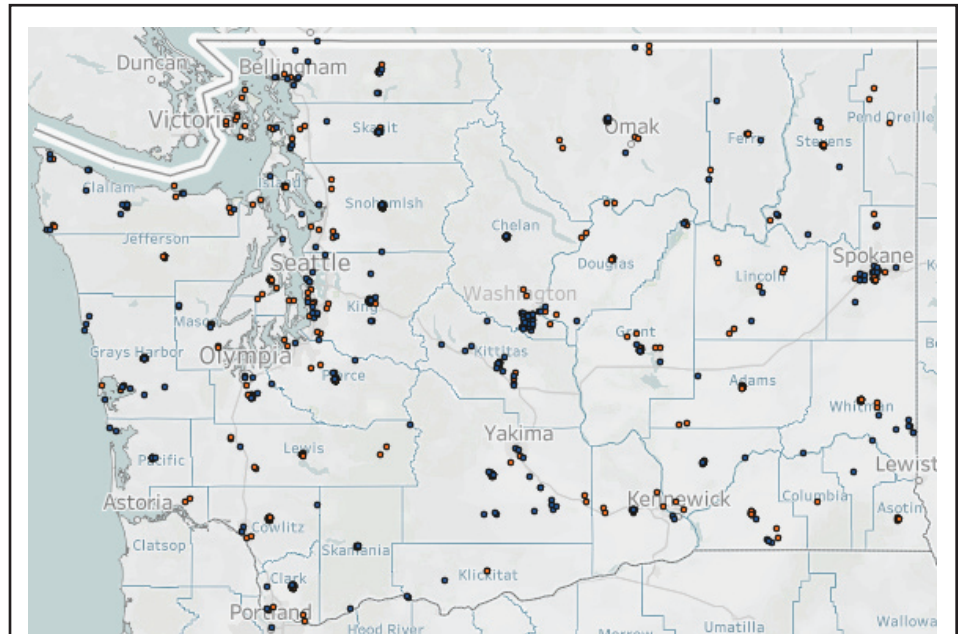
- \$16 million for security upgrades to relocate checkpoints from the ticketing level to the lower baggage claim level
- \$15 million toward expanding and renovating the Spokane Airport
- \$11.8 million to build a new terminal building at the Pullman-Moscow Airport

RAIL

● \$16 million to expand the industrial rail corridor at the Port of Longview by constructing a new six-track bed

TRANSIT AND FERRIES—\$1.79 billion for projects like:

- \$381 million to accelerate completion of ongoing Sound Transit projects, plus \$854 million for other local Puget Sound transit authorities
- \$25 million for a new hybrid Lummi Island Ferry



An interactive map of projects that have received funding from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law can be found at <https://d2d.gsa.gov/report/bipartisan-infrastructure-law-bil-maps-dashboard>

CLEAN ENERGY

- \$100 million for ongoing construction of a 600,000-sq-ft factory in Moses Lake to produce lithium-ion anode materials
- Another \$100 million to build the world's largest factory to produce advanced silicon battery materials for electric vehicles also in Moses Lake.

ELECTRIC AND INTERNET—\$195.7 million for broadband infrastructure projects in rural communities, plus \$71 million to expand the electric vehicle charging network.

CLEAN WATER—\$236 million to replace lead service lines and address dangerous PFAS chemicals.

ENVIRONMENTAL REMEDIATION

- \$220 million toward construction of a fish passage at the Howard Hanson Dam on the Green River, east of Kent
- \$74.4 million for 14 projects across the state to restore coastal habitats and estuaries, and remove marine debris.
- \$17.03 million for construction of a new truck gate complex and a cargo container storage yard to reduce carbon emissions at Port of Seattle's Terminal 5.

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And the work keeps coming...

In late June, the U.S. Department of Transportation announced at least nine projects in Washington state will receive some \$107 million more from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law:

- \$3.6 million for Safe and Reliable Bike, Pedestrian & Transit Access for Hood River-White Salmon Bridge
- \$25 million for Big Quilcene River Bridge Replacement
- \$25 million for Shoalwater Bay Tribe – Upland Village Road Relocation
- \$22.8 million for Spokane's Airport Drive and Spotted Road Safety and Multimodal Improvements
- \$20 million for Multimodal Connections to the Shoreline South Regional Transit Hub
- \$16.1 million for Puget Sound to Pacific Planning for Multi-use Trail
- \$9.5 million for Blaine's Bell Road-BNSF Railway Grade Separation
- \$9.4 million for Port Orchard Breakwater Replacement
- \$1.2 million for Planning for Low-Emission Neighborhoods in Seattle