

Infrastructure can be Beautiful.

1. **The Bipartisan Infrastructure Deal has become law.** As we spend billions on roads, bridges, rail stations, airport and seaport, why not build them as beautiful symbols of American pride?
2. **The Fact Sheet from The White House** describes the several programs the Deal contains:

Fact Sheet: The Bipartisan Infrastructure Deal

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2021/11/06/fact-sheet-the-bipartisan-infrastructure-deal/>

H.R.3684 - Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. This historic legislation will:

- Deliver clean water to all American families and eliminate the nation's lead service lines.
 - Ensure every American has access to reliable high-speed internet.
 - Repair and rebuild our roads and bridges with a focus on climate change mitigation, resilience, equity, and safety for all users.
 - Improve transportation options for millions of Americans and reduce greenhouse emissions through the largest investment in public transit in U.S. history.
 - Upgrade our nation's airports and ports to strengthen our supply chains and prevent disruptions that have caused inflation. This will improve U.S. competitiveness, create more and better jobs at these hubs, and reduce emissions.
 - Make the largest investment in passenger rail since the creation of Amtrak.
 - Build a national network of electric vehicle (EV) chargers.
 - Upgrade our power infrastructure to deliver clean, reliable energy across the country and deploy cutting-edge energy technology to achieve a zero-emissions future.
 - Make our infrastructure resilient against the impacts of climate change, cyber-attacks, and extreme weather events.
 - Deliver the largest investment in tackling legacy pollution in American history by cleaning up Superfund and brownfield sites, reclaiming abandoned mines, and capping orphaned oil and gas wells.
3. **The monies will primarily be distributed through the states.** The federal administrator to oversee infrastructure will be Mitch Landrieu. Mr. Landrieu, a former mayor of New Orleans, will supervise the distribution of funds from the bipartisan legislation that the president will sign into law on Monday. Governors will be critical players; city mayors have a challenge.
 4. **Small cities and towns can prepare to compete for infrastructure funds with "shovel ready" projects.** Past federal programs of this nature put a heavy premium on "shovel ready projects". It would be logical to expect this to be the case this time. Projects ready for construction put people to work and produce results...who doesn't want that.
 5. **Infrastructure can be beautiful; it is not mandated to be ugly.** This generational opportunity to rebuild roads, bridges, rail lines, water works, airports, seaports, drainageways and other physical facilities can result in a new aesthetic for American public works. Drainage facilities can work with nature, roads can be parkways, bridges can be public sculptures. Naive perhaps, but think of the opportunity to take all this money, let workers produce civic places and spaces they are proud of while creating **America the Beautiful**.