# **Federal Infrastructure Investment in Alaska**

**House Finance Committee** 

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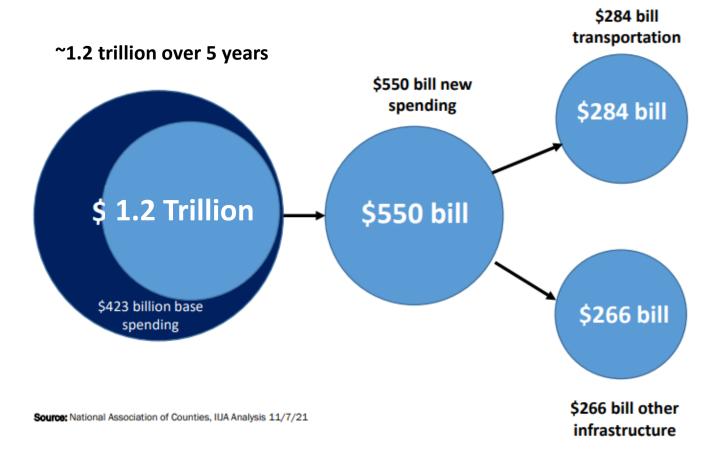


## Federal Infrastructure Bill (Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act)

- 5-year reauthorization of established federal programs primarily USDOT & EPA
  - 54% ~ \$648 bill in baseline program reauthorizations
  - 46% ~ \$550 bill in "new spending"
- Funds largely allocated by federal program/federal agencies
  - 65% Formula (apportionment/allocation)
  - 30% Grants (competitive/discretionary)
  - 5% Loan (incentives, guarantees, financing)
- Not a "stimulus" bill; little discretion as compared to recent COVID funding
  - Many programs require 20% non-federal match
- Only a portion of "Alaska" funding will come through the State of Alaska
  - Local governments, tribes, electric utilities, higher education, non-profits and others eligible for many programs



#### **Federal Infrastructure Bill**



## **Transportation**

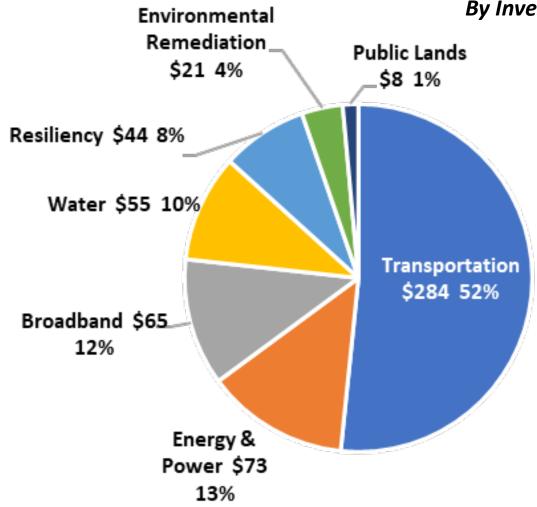
 Roads, bridges, airports, ports and waterways, rail, public transit, electric vehicles (EV), and safety programs

## **Other Infrastructure**

 Energy, power grid, broadband, water, resiliency, and environmental remediation



## **Overview**



#### By Investment Category

### \$550 billion in BIL New Spending

| Transportation:                   | \$284 billion |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| Energy & Power:                   | \$ 73 billion |
| Broadband:                        | \$ 65 billion |
| Water:                            | \$ 55 billion |
| Resiliency:                       | \$ 44 billion |
| <b>Environmental Remediation:</b> | \$ 21 billion |
| Public Lands:                     | \$ 8 billion  |

Source: National Association of Counties, IIJA Analysis 11/7/21



## **Overview: Spending Categories**

## Over Half of New Spending is Transportation

\$284 billion over 5-years

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|---|----------------------|
| Roads & Bridges   | \$110 billion        |
| 31% increase first year, inflation adjusted after; Alaska ~20%                    |                      |
| <u>Rail</u>   | \$ 66 billion        |
| Amtrak, Northeast corridor, intercity passenger                                   |                      |
| <u>Transit:</u>   | \$ 39 billion        |
| Ferries, Public transit; zero-emission vehicle programs                           |                      |
| <u>Airports:</u>  | \$ 25 billion        |
| 35% nationally; AIP and New Terminal Facility program mostly competitive          |                      |
| Ports & Waterways:  | \$ 17 billion        |
| USACE rivers, harbors, flood mitigation; MARAD port infrastructure grants         |                      |
| Safety:   | \$ 11 billion        |
| Focus on vulnerable users (bikes, pedestrians, ADA), crash and fatality avoidance |                      |
| Electric Vehicle Infrastructure   | \$ 8 billion         |
| New formula and grant program   |                      |
| Electric Buses:   | \$ 8 billion         |



Electric public transit

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## **Overview: Spending Categories**

## Other Infrastructure Spending

\$266 billion over 5-years

| Energy & Power   | \$ 73 billion |
|--|---------------|
| Efficiency, grid & transmission upgrades/resiliency, carbon mitigation projects  Broadband | \$ 65 billion |
| \$45 construction, \$20 affordability/equity; targets underserved areas                    | Ψ σσ minen    |
| Water:   | \$ 55 billion |
| 3x increase to revolving loan funds; lead pipe; contaminants                               | ተ 44 hillion  |
| Resiliency: Storm/flood mitigation, natural disaster assistance; cybersecurity             | \$ 44 billion |
| Environmental Remediation:   | \$ 21 billion |
| Legacy wells; superfund sites; brownfield; abandoned mines; watersheds  Public Lands       | \$ 8 billion  |
| Wildfire risk mitigation; remediation; secure rule schools; USFS roads                     | Ψ O DIIIION   |



National 5-Yr Totals

## **Governor Dunleavy's Office of Infrastructure**

#### **Key Objectives:**

- Identify and track important opportunities and awards for Alaska
- Serve as a single source of infrastructure / capital data
- Coordinate among State of Alaska Departments on important deadlines
- Support tribes, local governments, & agencies
- Track legislative / UGF investments / Approvals Required
- Harmonize data collection and tracking efforts with collaborators
- Maintain tight nexus to programs in federal legislation
- Support State Planning on Energy & Broadband



## **Tracking Opportunities & Awards in Alaska**

- Numerous Potential Opportunities Cataloged in Our Opportunity Registry to Date
- Hundreds of Awards or Funding Commitments Tracked for the 5-year Period
- State Investment in Many Different Initiatives and Federal Opportunities:
  - Matching funds; Pursuit of grants for federal dollars; investments into program setup
  - Categories of Investment into Alaska's Future Include: Energy initiatives, electric grid reliability, cybersecurity, ferries, housing, rural utilities, communities, clean water, wastewater, sanitation, carbon capture & storage technology, geophysical data, critical minerals, & rare earth elements.
- Close Coordination with POCs at Most State Departments and Key External Collaborators (AFN, AML, Denali Commission, etc.)
- Infrastructure Funds Reaching State of Alaska Departments
  - \$3.5B awarded / committed in first two years
  - \$4.7B committed to date for the 5-year period
- Infrastructure Funds, Alaska-wide (includes federal offices / tribes)
  - o\$5.5B awarded / committed in first two years
  - o\$6.7B committed to date for the 5-year period



#### **ALASKA MARINE HIGHWAY SYSTEM**

In January 2023, the Federal Transit Administration awarded the Alaska Marine Highway System \$285 million in grant funding.

The six grant awards were is designated for:

- Construction of Electric Vessel Project: \$46,214,008
- Replacement of the M/V Tustumena Vessel Serving Rural Southwest Alaska: \$68,488,384
- Restoring the Health of the AMHS for Sustainable Operations to Rural Communities: \$44,823,800
- Modernization of Four Critical AMHS Vessels Necessary for Service and Environmental Benefits: \$72,065,545
- Critical Upgrades to Ferry Dock Infrastructure in Five Rural Alaska Communities: \$45,483,214
- Anticipating Future Service and Replacement Needs: \$8,591,616



## **Significant Competitive Opportunities for Alaska**

#### **Electric Grid Modernization**

Grid reliability, resiliency and transmission

## Clean Hydrogen Technologies

Clean hydrogen infrastructure development

## **Carbon Capture & Sequestration**

Carbon technology infrastructure research, development and demonstration

#### **Rare Earth & Critical Minerals**

- Rare Earth Elements (REE) Demonstration Facility
- Critical Minerals Security Projects



### **Implementation:**

#### Alaska should be well positioned to compete:

- Tribal and Alaska Natives eligibility
- Historically underserved and hard-to-reach
- Multimodal transportation dependency
- Climate impacted
- Installed energy industry infrastructure
- High energy costs
- Rural and disadvantaged communities
- Minority and low-income populations

#### **Challenges:**

- Statewide planning, coordination and communication
- Responsiveness and prioritization
- Technical capacity and workforce availability
- Access to matching funds across all eligible recipients

