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**Biden-Harris Administration Announces Nearly \$52.9 Million in Funding for Four Projects in Ohio to Modernize Transportation and Make it More Affordable, Increase Safety and Strengthen Supply Chains**

*President Biden’s Bipartisan Infrastructure Law more than doubles the funding for popular RAISE Program this year*

Today, U.S. Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg announced that the Biden-Harris Administration has awarded \$52.9 million to support four projects in Ohio from the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) program to help move forward on projects that modernize roads, bridges, transit, rail, ports, and intermodal transportation and make our transportation systems safer, more accessible, more affordable, and more sustainable. This year’s total allocations nationwide include more than \$2.2 billion thanks to the President’s Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, which provides an additional \$7.5 billion over five years for the program to help meet the strong demand to help projects get moving across the country.

“We are proud to support so many outstanding infrastructure projects in communities large and small, modernizing America’s transportation systems to make them safer, more affordable, more accessible, and more sustainable,” **said U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg.** “Using funds from President Biden’s Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, this year we are supporting more projects than ever before.”

Projects were evaluated on several criteria, including safety, environmental sustainability, quality of life, economic competitiveness and opportunity, partnership and collaboration, innovation, state of good repair, and mobility and community connectivity. Within these areas, the Department considered how projects will improve accessibility for all travelers, bolster supply chain efficiency, and support racial equity and economic growth – especially in historically disadvantaged communities and areas of persistent poverty.

In Ohio, the following projects will benefit from RAISE awards:

- **State to Central: Building Better Neighborhoods** – The City of Cincinnati will receive \$20 million to connect the West End, Queensgate, and Lower Price Hill neighborhoods with street safety improvements, approximately 36 enhanced intersections, new bicycle facilities, and pedestrian amenities on three corridor segments totaling approximately 3.5 linear miles. Linn Street will be restored to a ‘great street,’ complete with bike and pedestrian enhancements to mitigate the impact of connections that were severed by the construction of Interstate 75 over Queensgate rail yard lines. The project will improve safety with many roadway, lighting and intersection improvements. By closing the gaps in the regional bike pathway network, this project will increase safe, affordable non-motorized transportation options. These pathways will remove physical barriers and provide access to essential nearby destinations, allowing the community to move around more safely and efficiently with or without a car.
- **Connecting Residents on Safer Streets Marietta** – The County of Washington will receive \$1 million to fund the planning of an intermodal transportation corridor that will connect Marietta College and Harmar Village to downtown Marietta and surrounding areas. This renovated corridor will provide for improved car, bus, bicycle, and pedestrian traffic facilities and include accommodations for those with disabilities. This project will reduce emissions, encourage sustainable travel, and help better connect the Marietta College community to greater Marietta. The project will make electric vehicles more accessible by providing needed infrastructure such as charging stations partially powered by solar panels. "
- **ERI US6 Connectivity Corridor Including Sandusky Bay Pathway** – The Ohio Department of Transportation will receive \$24.4 million to replace approximately five existing intersections with roundabouts along US6 and Rye Beach Road. The project will also install part of the Sandusky Bay Pathway and a multi-use path along US6 and Rye Beach Road. The project will enhance community connectivity by providing new equitable pathways that will improve access to employment, health, educational, and recreational opportunities for all. The project will incorporate a shared use path which will provide a separated facility for non-motorized travel and provide safe bicycle and pedestrian accommodations along the roadways.
- **Mansfield Rising - Main Street Revitalization** – The City of Mansfield will receive nearly \$7.4 million to reconstruct the downtown Mansfield Streetscape from First Street to Fifth Street. It will include updated LED street lighting, new curbs and ADA compliant curb ramps, concrete sidewalks, brick pavers, delineated crosswalks, and lighted plazas with seating. It will also rejoin Central Park via a mid-block crossing, reestablish two-way traffic to support local business, and provide on-street parking. In addition, aging water and sewer infrastructure will be replaced. The project will improve safety by implementing roadway improvements and creating accessible transportation options for all road users. By providing for more forms of transportation – like biking and walking – the project will help reduce emissions, improve the resilience of at-risk infrastructure, and address disproportionate negative environmental impacts on this community. The project also includes extensive coordination with the public and community groups to ensure it meets the needs of local residents.

Today, Secretary Buttigieg is in Tucson and Phoenix where he is visiting two of the projects receiving RAISE awards. Later this month the Secretary and other senior USDOT officials will fan out across the country to visit additional sites that are receiving RAISE awards to highlight the ways that the President's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is helping invest in communities and get important infrastructure projects moving in communities large and small.

The full list of awards can be found [here](#).

Additional background:

2022 RAISE grants are for planning and capital investments that support roads, bridges, transit, rail, ports, or intermodal transportation.

- 50% of funding is designated for projects in rural areas, and 50% of the funding is designated for projects in urban areas.
- Nearly two-thirds of projects are located in areas of persistent poverty or historically disadvantaged communities.
- The largest grant award is \$25 million. Per statute, no more than \$341.25 million could be awarded to a single state in this round of funding.
- Among this year's selected projects, 11 included a local hire provision.
- Several projects include workforce development aspects including four projects that have project labor agreements, eight projects that have registered apprenticeship programs and an additional eight projects with other workforce development provisions.

The RAISE program is one of several ways communities can secure funding for projects under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law's competitive grant programs. Later this year, the Biden-Harris Administration will announce recipients of the first-ever National Infrastructure Project Assistance (MEGA) program, as well as the Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) program and the Rural Surface Transportation Grant Program (RURAL).

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