



INFRASTRUCTURE LEGISLATION 2021

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Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, IIJA

- \$1.2 trillion in funding
- Bipartisan, 5-year bill, passed the Senate
- includes \$17 billion for the Corps of Engineers
- Includes surface transportation reauthorization
- Above and beyond the annual appropriations



What's in the Infrastructure Bill (IIJA) for Waterways

- \$17 billion for the Corps of Engineers including:
- \$150,000,000 for Investigations with emphasis on completion of studies
- \$11,615,000,000 for Construction
 - *Includes \$2,500,000,000 for construction, replacement, rehabilitation and expansion of inland waterways projects; without a matching contribution from the Inland Waterway Trust Fund*
- Operations and Maintenance \$4,000,000,000 over four years



Build Back Better -- Reconciliation

- 10-year bill, Democrats only –\$3.5 trillion; but under review:
- Corps: \$0
- \$2.5 billion more for Port Infrastructure Development Program, PIDP
- \$350 million for Coast Guard to acquire an ice breaker for Great Lakes
- \$3.5 billion for new port electrification program
- \$250 million for new Port Truck Idling Program
- \$50 million for new Electric or low-emitting Ferry program



Condition of the Battlefield

- Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) (President's Infrastructure Bill) (Bipartisan Infrastructure Framework); Passed the Senate in August with 19 Republican votes; Awaits action in the House; \$1.2 trillion
- Build Back Better Act (Reconciliation Bill) (President's Social Infrastructure Bill): Democrats only; Timing is linked to the Infrastructure Bill; \$3.5 trillion.
- Debt Limit Increase goes through December 3, 2021, must be increased again
- Fiscal Year 2022 Appropriations; Continuing Resolution through Dec 3, 2021.



The Politics

Speaker Pelosi wants the House to pass both the Infrastructure Bill and the Social Infrastructure Bill before October 31; working to get the votes

Moderate Democrats want the cost of the Social Infrastructure Bill reduced from \$3.5 trillion to \$2.0 trillion; Best chance for passing if Pelosi can find the formula that will get enough votes.

House Progressive Democrats want the two bills to move together; need the more popular Infrastructure bill to pull the social programs across the finish line

House Moderate Democrats and Republicans want the bills to move separately

Biden needs a WIN!



Next Steps

- Once the IIJA passes, Corps has 60 days to produce a Work Plan detailing where the funds would be spent
- Engage the Corps District with your priorities
- Engage your Congressional Delegation
- Engage Washington
 - Key Members of Congress
 - Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army
 - Office of Management and Budget



Summary

- Significant additional funding will come to the Corps Civil Works Program through the Infrastructure Bill (IIJA); if it passes Congress.
- Corps will produce a Work Plan to specify where the extra infrastructure funding will be spent
- When the regular Fiscal Year 2022 appropriations bill is passed, the Corps will produce another Work Plan to designate where the regular annual appropriation will be spent
- Either as an association (IRPT) or as individual entities, you have an opportunity to influence where the money will be spent by engaging the Corps at all levels, the Congress, and the White House



Questions?

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