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Infrastructure Investment *and* Jobs Act (IIJA)

A Forum for Municipalities

Hosted by DVRPC:

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Zoom features and how to engage

- Recording of the meeting (and slides) will be posted on IIJA page and sent to all registrants after the meeting
- Use the toolbar at bottom for controls
- Use the Chat Box to introduce yourself!
- Please use the Q&A box to ask questions
- Questions will be answered via text, the live Q&A, or sent out to attendees afterwards
- FAQ will be updated and informed by this session



Today's Agenda

- Welcome - Barry Seymour
- IIJA Summary - Mike Boyer
- NOFO Summary - Karin Morris
- Disadvantaged Communities & Assistance - Jesse Buerk
- DVRPC Tools for Applicants - Sean Greene
- Funding Navigator Program - Patty Elkis
- Consultations with DVRPC - Joe Natale
- Next Steps & Key Takeaways
- Open Q&A



Welcome and Program Format

Barry Seymour, DVRPC, Executive Director

- Meeting purposes:
 - Share info on IIJA opportunities
 - Provide guidance on applications
 - Offer resources to help
- Desired outcomes:
 - Region's municipalities and partners are well-positioned to apply for competitive federal funds
 - Region receives additional funding for infrastructure improvements
- Program Format - presentation followed by Q & A



IIJA Summary: Key Takeaways

- More Than Just Transportation
- Represents a Significant Increase in Funding
- Does Not Address All Needs
- A Shift in Focus
- It's All About the Competitive Dollars



IIJA Summary: By the Numbers

Five-Year Funding Program (FY 2022-2026)

- **\$1.2 Trillion in Total Spending** – \$567.5 Billion in Funding for USDOT
- **\$550 Billion in New Spending** – Half for USDOT (\$274 Billion)
- **\$154 Billion in USDOT Competitive Funds** – $\frac{1}{3}$ Formula and $\frac{2}{3}$ Discretionary
- Continues Existing Grant Programs (*i.e.*, RAISE, INFRA, etc.)
- Programs are Reimbursable (and most require a Local Match)



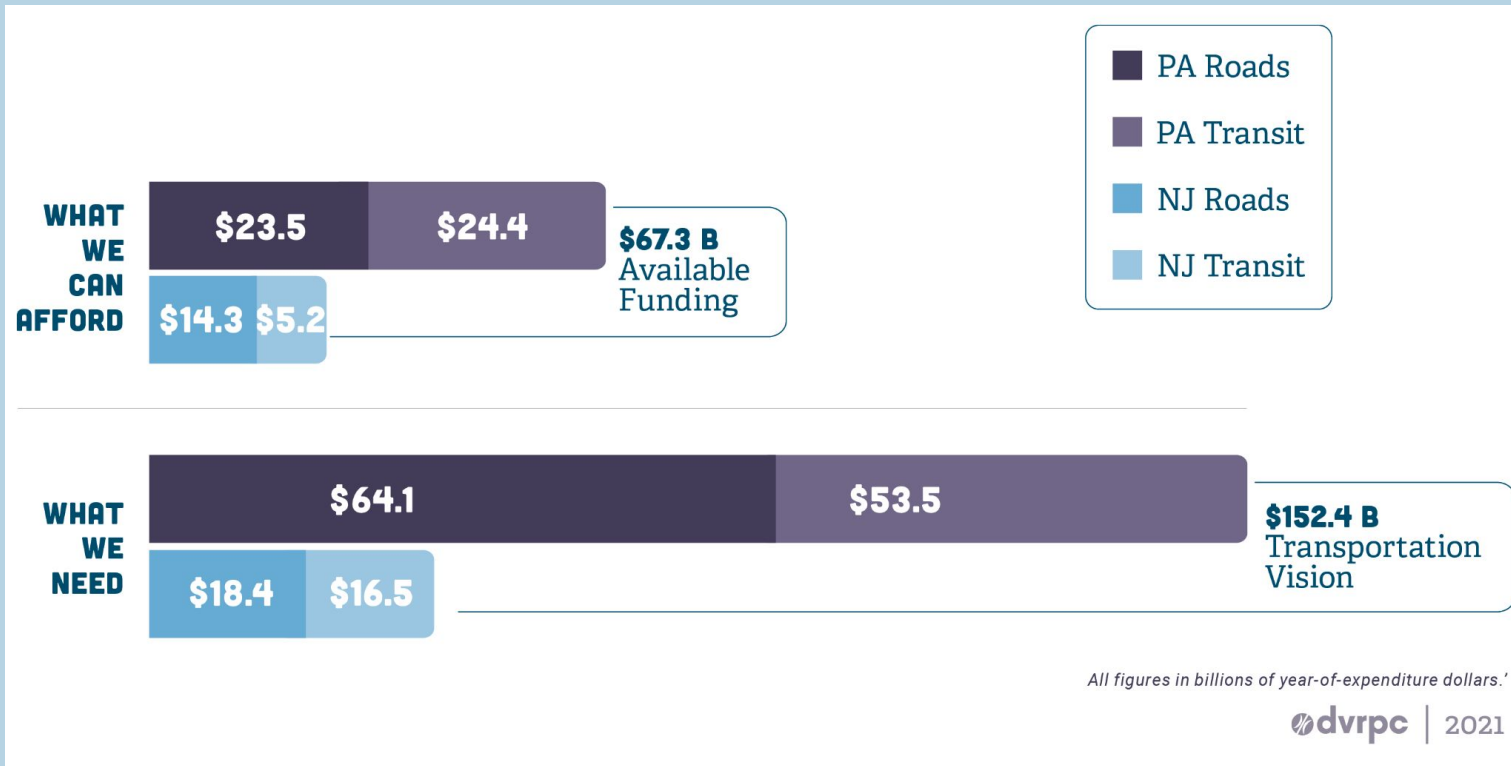
IIJA Summary: By the Numbers (Formula Funds)

Five-Year Funding Program (FY 2022-2026)

	PA \$	PA %	NJ \$	NJ %
Highway & Bridge Funding	\$13 B	+ 40%	\$8.1 B	+ 41%
Transit Funding	\$3.2 B	+ 41%	\$4.5 B	+ 37%
EV Charging Networks	\$172 M	+ 100%	\$104 M	+ 100%
Water Infrastructure*	\$240 M	+ 147%	\$169 M	+ 101%

**FY 2022 SRF Programs*

IIJA Summary: Funding Need to 2050





IIJA Summary: Funding Is Available To A Range Of Recipients

COMPETITIVE PROGRAM	STATE	MPO	LOCAL	PUBLIC AUTHORITY
National Electric Vehicle Formula Program	✓		✓	
Safe Streets and Roads for All Program		✓	✓	
PROTECT Grants (Discretionary)	✓	✓	✓	✓
Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Program	✓	✓	✓	✓
Congestion Relief Program	✓	✓	✓	
Bridge Investment Program (Discretionary)	✓	✓	✓	✓
Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program	✓	✓	✓	
Rural Surface Transportation Grants	✓		✓	
INFRA	✓	✓	✓	✓
National Infrastructure Project Assistance	✓	✓	✓	✓
Local and Regional Project Assistance	✓	✓	✓	✓



IIJA Summary: Other Program Areas

- Broadband
- Drinking Water
- Energy
- Environmental



IIJA Summary: Focus Areas

IIJA Focus Area	New IIJA Programs
Asset Condition/State of Good Repair	<i>\$12.5 B Bridge Investment Program</i> <i>\$5 B National Infrastructure Project Assistance Program</i>
Safety	<i>\$5 B Safe Streets and Roads for All Program</i> <i>\$ 5.5 B Railroad Crossing Elimination Program</i>
Equity	<i>\$1 B Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program</i> <i>\$2 B Rural Surface Transportation Program</i>
Climate Change	<i>\$7.5 B EV Infrastructure Charging Programs</i> <i>\$6.4 B Carbon Reduction Program</i> <i>\$5 B Clean School Bus Program</i>
Resilience	<i>\$8.7 B PROTECT Program</i>



IIJA Summary: Geographic Focus Areas

DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES

- Examples include NEVI, MEGA, Reconnecting Communities, and Healthy Streets
- Definitions of “Disadvantaged” May Vary by Program. Some Programs Decrease the Match Requirement

RURAL AREAS

- Examples include MEGA, Rural Surface, NEVI, and Broadband
- Consult Census Maps of Urbanized Areas To Determine if a Location is Rural

IIJA Summary: Strategies & Considerations

- Consideration of Federal Requirements and MPO Plans and Programs



Transportation Improvement
Program





NOFO (Notice of Funding Opportunity) Summary

- Every competitive grant has a NOFO
- Primary reference document for applicants
- [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) has all NOFOs as they are released (also www.dvrpc.org/iija)
- Application requirements, evaluation criteria, and selection procedures
 - Project/Award Period
 - Eligible Applicants
 - Cost Share or Matching Requirement
- Every applicant must have a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) via SAM.gov; replaces DUNS Number



NOFO: Open May 2022

- *Safe Streets and Roads for All*: May 16; webinar June 13
- *Enabling Middle Mile Infrastructure*: May 16; webinar May 26
- *Bridge Investment Program*: May 2022



NOFO: Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A)

Grant Purpose and Types

Purpose:

- *Improve roadway safety by significantly reducing or eliminating roadway fatalities and serious injuries for all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, motorists, etc.*

Types:

- **Action Plan Grants** (e.g. VZ Action Plan):
 - Data-driven safety screening, High Injury Network, project ID, equity analysis, local champion, community engagement
 - Assess transportation policies/standards to prioritize transportation safety
- **Implementation Grants:**
 - Safety project design & construction
 - Projects must be identified in a qualifying Vision Zero/Safety Action Plan

NOFO: “Joint applications that engage multiple jurisdictions in the same region are encouraged”



NOFO: SS4A Funding, Schedule & Approach

- **Program Life:** \$5B over FY22-26, FY 2022: \$1,000,000,000
- **Local Match:** 20% (80% federal share)
- **Grant Award Minimum/Maximum:**
 - Action Plan - Locals 200K/1M, MPOs 200K/5M
 - Implementation Grant - Locals 5M/30M, MPOs 5M/50M
- **Schedule:** Applications due September 15, 2022; awards - end 2022/early 2023
- **Period of Performance:**
 - Action Plan - 12 to 24 months, Implementation Grant not to exceed 5 yrs
- **Regional Approach:** Apply for Regional Vision Zero Action Program (incorporating county plans), possible role for counties; tee up for coordinated implementation grants in future years



NOFO: Enabling Middle Mile Broadband Infrastructure (MMG)

Grant Purpose

- *Expand and extend middle mile infrastructure to reduce cost of connecting unserved and underserved areas to internet; create alternative network connection paths to strengthen broadband connection resiliency.*

Funding, Schedule & Approach

- **Program Life:** \$1B over FY22-26
- **Local Match:** 30% (70% federal share)
- **Grant Award Minimum/Maximum:** \$5M/\$100M
- **Schedule:** Applications due September 30, 2022; awards Feb. 2023
- **Period of Performance:** 5 years
- **Significant funding coming to the states in two other Broadband NOFOs**



NOFO: Bridge Investment Program

Grant Purpose

- *Replace, rehabilitate, preserve or protect one or more bridges on National Bridge Inventory. Can replace or rehabilitate culverts to improve flood control and habitat connectivity. Improve safety, efficiency, and reliability of people and freight.*

Funding, Schedule & Approach

- **Program Life:** \$12.5B over FY22-26
- **Local Match:** Large projects (\$100M or more) could receive up to 50% of project cost
- **Regional Approach:** Work with counties and DOTs to identify top candidate bridges, using performance data



NOFO: Upcoming

- **Railroad Crossing Elimination Program** – June: *Funds rail grade crossing improvement projects that improve safety and mobility of people and goods (grade separation, track relocation, protective device installation);* Planning, Environmental Review, Design, Construction
- **Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program** – Summer: *To remove, retrofit or mitigate the impacts of transportation facilities that create barriers to community connectivity; economically disadvantaged communities;* Planning, Construction, Technical Assistance
- **Healthy Streets Program** – TBD: *To expand the use of cool pavements and green street strategies (porous pavement and expanded tree cover). For heat island communities.* Planning, Construction
 - Regional Approach: Regional Sidewalk Repair and Street Tree Replacement Program



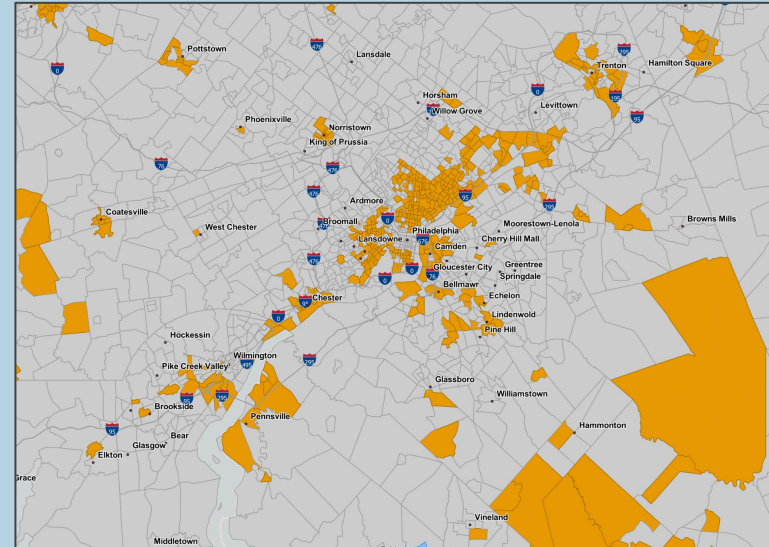
NOFO: Deciding on Projects

- Understand your pipeline of projects
 - What projects are in your local plans and do they align with a NOFO?
- Think locally, apply regionally
 - Bundle projects with other munis/counties for larger ask and stronger application
- Prioritize projects that you have the best chance of getting
 - Total funds available
 - Your ability to provide the local match
 - Projects that are “ready to go”-- can you complete in the federal time frame?
 - Do you have an existing stakeholder group involved or can mobilize one?
- We can help strategize which grants to pursue



Disadvantaged Communities & Assistance

- Eligibility, cost share, dedicated funding
 - In some cases, federal share is 100% for Disadvantaged Communities
- Programs have different definitions of disadvantaged
 - Be sure to reference specific NOFOs
- Multiple mapping tools
 - Justice 40 - Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool
 - Electric Vehicle Charging Justice 40 Map
 - Historically Disadvantaged Communities
- Confused?
 - DVRPC GIS experts can help





DVRPC Tools for Applicants

- Webpage & Email alerts
- Letters of Support
- Mapping and Data
- Staff Assistance



DVRPC Tools: Webpage & Email Alerts

- Webpage www.dvrpc.org/iija
 - Latest Opportunities
 - Upcoming Announcements
 - Sign-up for email alerts of NOFOs

- Links to Agency Webpages and Resources
 - [US DOT Upcoming NOFOs in 2022](#)
 - [White House IIJA Technical Assistance Page](#)
 - White House IIJA Resource Page - www.Build.gov
 - US DOT IIJA Pages



DVRPC Tools: Letters of Support

- What we need:
 - Good description of project and how it meets grant program requirements
 - Identify alignment with DVRPC plans
 - Confirm coordination with state, local, and federal partners
 - Please submit request **ten days** in advance of due date
 - More info under “resources” at dvrpc.org/iija



DVRPC Tools: Mapping & Data

- IIJA Program Maps
 - Disadvantaged Communities
 - Urbanized Areas
 - Justice 40 Mapping
- DVRPC Data
 - Traffic Counts and Census Data
 - On the Web
 - Contact Staff



DVRPC Tools: Staff Assistance

- Support re: program alignment (LRP, CMP, existing programs)
- Finding partners and project bundling
- Identify additional resources and assistance
- Consultation with applicants to develop project strategies (more on this later)



Funding Navigator

A team of experts who understand water systems and funding sources and can help systems access state and federal funds

- **The Need:** Many water systems in our region require costly upgrades or repairs, but are challenged to initiate the process of assessing needs, designing projects, applying for funds, and administering loans or grants
- **The Opportunity:** Lots more funding coming to PA and NJ, and 49% of SRF funds from the BIL will be awarded as principal forgiveness to disadvantaged communities
- **New Program:** DVRPC is partnering to seek foundation funding to launch the FN program in our region in the summer of 2022



Consultation with DVRPC Staff

- 30 minute virtual meetings with DVRPC staff
- Geared towards local governments/applicants
- Sign up via Google Form: <https://forms.gle/MaiuCrqs6XGxTqux6>
- Two week lead time
- On a rolling basis/no rush
- Based on DVRPC staff availability, will try to get to as many as possible
- Possible discussion points:
 - Specific projects or priority setting
 - Project scope
 - Application questions
 - Partnering opportunities
 - Other DVRPC programs
- Must have specific request, not open ended discussion



Next Steps & Key Takeaways

Short-term

- Sign up for NOFO updates: <https://signup.e2ma.net/signup/1964657/1403728/>
- Visit the FAQ Page: <https://www.dvrpc.org/iija-faq>
- Request Consultation with DVRPC Staff: <https://forms.gle/ySCTmJMCdXvKUmmZ9>

Long-term

- Seize opportunities in the IJJA
- Coordinate, communicate, and partner with others
- Tell your story with data!



Q&A

Type your questions in the Q & A in Zoom

We will answer several questions live during the rest of the webinar

Any unanswered will be compiled, answered, and sent to all registrants

The FAQ will be updated with with relevant questions, check back soon & often!

Thank you for attending!