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Biden Administration's Proposed Infrastructure Bill

The Biden Administration announced an expansive and groundbreaking infrastructure proposal on March 31. The Administration's proposal includes more than $2 trillion in funding over the next 15 years.

President Biden stated that he believes this program should be bipartisan since our infrastructure is a national problem where both Democratic and Republican mayors and governors face deteriorating roads, bridges and water infrastructure.

The Administration has asked Congressional leaders to produce an actual proposal by the beginning of May. The Administration has proposed the following funding.

- $115 billion to modernize 20,000 miles of highways, roads and streets.
- $20 billion to improve road safety for all users. It would fix the "most economically significant large bridges and repair the worst 10,000 smaller bridges."
- $85 billion to modernize existing transit and help agencies expand their systems to meet demand. This would double federal funding for public transit.
- $25 billion to airports and $17 billion to inland waterways, ports and ferries.

The proposal also includes $111 billion to rebuild the country's water infrastructure.

It would replace all of the nation's lead pipes and service lines in order to improve the health of American children and communities of color. The White House says replacing the pipes would reduce lead exposure in 400,000 schools and childcare facilities.

The proposal would upgrade the country's drinking water, wastewater and stormwater systems, tackle new contaminants and support clean water infrastructure in rural parts of the country.

According to EPA Administrator Michael Regan, the proposal's investments in water systems, lead pipe replacement, toxic cleanup and electric school buses will create millions of jobs. "Infrastructure in the 21st century extends far beyond just roads and bridges," said Regan. The Cities Initiative staff is monitoring the progress of the proposal as it makes its way through Congressional committees. We will keep you updated as progress is made.