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This November, President Joe Biden signed the *Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act* into law - a historic bipartisan investment in our nation's physical infrastructure. The infrastructure law includes many of my critical priorities to enhance safety, promote equity, and increase funding for passenger rail, public transit, bridges, roads, clean water, and broadband in Massachusetts.

Through this package, Massachusetts is set to receive more than **\$9 billion dollars over the next five years** to invest in modernizing our infrastructure for the 21st century, create good-paying jobs, and help spark the region's economic growth. With these investments, we can begin the process of building East-West Rail, expand high-speed internet access from the Berkshires to Boston, and help our communities provide cleaner water for residents. We can repair or replace deficient bridges, such as the Cape Cod Bridges, deploy electric vehicle charging stations, and enhance safety for all users of the road.

In addition to competitive grant funding, Massachusetts will [receive](#) a dedicated:

- \$4.2 billion for road improvements
- \$1.1 billion for bridge replacement and repair
- \$2.5 billion for enhancing public transit systems such as the MBTA
- \$1.1 billion for clean and safe water infrastructure
- \$63 million for deploying electric vehicle charging infrastructure
- At least \$100 million – with hundreds of millions more later - to help expand broadband access across the Commonwealth

While I am proud of the significant wins this bipartisan infrastructure package includes, Congress's work cannot and will not stop with just this one bill. The U.S. Senate must continue to work urgently to pass the *Build Back Better Act* in the new year to make the historic investments in climate and clean energy solutions that will create millions of jobs and promote long-overdue justice across the Commonwealth and the country.

In the News:

- [WGBH](#): Massachusetts to receive upwards of \$9 billion from Biden's infrastructure plan
- [Boston.com](#): What exactly does the new infrastructure bill mean for Massachusetts?
- [MassLive](#): President Joe Biden to sign infrastructure bill that will bring more than \$9 billion to Massachusetts projects over five years

COVID-19 Resources:

- As we continue to battle COVID-19, it is essential that everyone gets vaccinated! That includes getting your booster. Visit vaxfinder.mass.gov to schedule your appointment today.

Sincerely,

U.S. Senator Ed Markey