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Senate Passes \$1 Trillion Infrastructure Bill

*On Tuesday, the U.S. Senate overwhelmingly approved a major bipartisan infrastructure bill to rebuild the nation's deteriorating roads, bridges, and railroads, and fund new climate resilience and broadband initiatives. In response, **Renae Reynolds, Executive Director of Tri-State Transportation Campaign**, released the following statement:*

"We congratulate Senator Chuck Schumer, the New York Congressional delegation, and President Biden for passing the first major infrastructure bill since the Federal Highway Act was passed in 1956. The bill will provide the tri-state region with badly needed funds to move major projects forward, bolster the economy, and start the work of electrifying our transportation infrastructure.

"In addition to an unprecedented investment in passenger and freight rail, the bill supports climate-resiliency efforts to help our region mitigate some of the worst effects of climate change. The deal is expected to help move forward many long-stalled projects, such as the Second Avenue Subway, the Hudson River Tunnel, and the Portal Bridge replacement. It also includes \$73 billion to update the nation's electric grid, so it can carry more renewable energy, \$7.5 billion to construct electric vehicle charging stations, and \$17.5 billion for clean buses and ferries.

"We look forward to working with the delegation to pass the reconciliation bill, which is expected to go even further to provide critical investments in our nation's infrastructure. We will continue to advocate for a significant commitment to improving our regional and national mass transit systems."

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Tri-State Transportation Campaign is a 27-year-old advocacy and policy organization that fights for an equitable, safe, multi-modal transportation network that provides options and supports the economies of New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut. TSTC works to fix our commutes, meet our climate goals, stop traffic deaths, and make transportation fair.