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President Biden Expected to Sign Historic Infrastructure Bill, Tri-State Area to Receive Billions of Dollars

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act will be transformative for the New York City region, providing funding for several major projects, including building the Gateway Tunnel, modernizing Amtrak's Northeast Corridor, extending the Second Avenue Subway to Harlem, and building new Metro-North stations in the Bronx.

New York, NY—On Monday, November 15, 2021, President Biden is expected to sign a \$1 trillion bipartisan infrastructure bill that will provide funding for several major infrastructure projects in New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut. This once-in-a-generation investment will create jobs, improve commutes, and help to combat climate change.

This is a great start toward repairing infrastructure; hundreds of bridges, for example, will be funded for badly needed repairs. However, this is also the biggest roads and highways bill in U.S. history. TSTC will work diligently to press for the electrification infrastructure and zero-emissions fleet transitions promised in this legislation. Without these components, and without the significant climate policy initiatives contained in the Build Back Better plan, we will continue to exacerbate our fossil fuel reliance as we stare down a climate catastrophe.

“We commend the Biden Administration and all the elected leaders in the region who worked so hard to pass this monumental bill,” said **Renae Reynolds, Executive Director of Tri-State Transportation Campaign**. “For too long, commuters have suffered through long-delays, crumbling infrastructure, and unreliable transit service. This is one of those rare moments in history that we will look back on as a reminder that this country can, in fact, do big things to address large-scale problems. We must continue the momentum and pass the companion legislation, the Build Back Better plan.”

Amtrak is expected to get \$60 billion, including more than \$24 billion in federal-state partnership set-asides and \$6 billion in grants to modernize the Northeast Corridor. Funding for Gateway Program projects could come from those sources and the \$8 billion going toward the Capital Investment Grant Program. Amtrak plans to use some of its funding to expand passenger rail



service nationwide, including a new route connecting Scranton, Pennsylvania with New Jersey and New York City.

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) will receive \$9.8 billion to fund subway signal modernization, installing elevators at stations, extending the Second Avenue Subway to Harlem, and building new Metro-North stations in the Bronx as part of Penn Station Access. New Jersey and Connecticut will receive \$4.1 billion and \$1.3 billion respectively to fund public transit. The Port Authority of New York & New Jersey will receive \$295 million for JFK International Airport and \$150 million for LaGuardia Airport. \$5 billion will go toward Vision Zero projects nationwide to improve safety and reduce traffic-related deaths.

It will be incumbent on transit advocates and elected officials to work closely with the U.S. Department of Transportation to ensure that this bill realizes its transformative potential rather than doubling down on the status quo, which has proven hazardous for our health, safety, and communities, particularly those in environmental justice communities.

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Tri-State Transportation Campaign is a 28-year-old advocacy 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. Learn more at tstc.org.