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Bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and Budget Reconciliation

Message Guidance: Background

The following pages provide guidance for discussions with members of Congress, who are now entering a critical phase in the consideration of two bills that together will create millions of good-paying jobs and constitute the full scope of the Biden Build Back Better agenda.

Passage will mean historic investments in most of IBEW's branches: construction, utilities, telecommunications, railroad, government and manufacturing.

Infrastructure is on the verge of passage

On August 9, 2021, the Senate passed the Bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (BIIJA), the largest investment in American infrastructure since World War II. It comes after weeks of negotiations among senators and officials from the White House working on behalf of President Biden. At long last, infrastructure isn't a tagline for a joke.

Action moves to the House of Representatives

Next, the House of Representatives will take BIIJA under consideration, along with a separate Budget Reconciliation Act that makes additional investments in IBEW priorities like new transportation spending, electrifying the federal vehicle fleet and beefing up domestic manufacturing as well as "non-traditional" infrastructure, with investments in universal pre-kindergarten and lower prescription drug prices, among many others.

Along with labor standards, EV funding and pieces of the PRO Act, budget reconciliation gives us the opportunity to gain what we could not in the Senate infrastructure negotiations.

Concentrated timeline

The House has stated it intends to pass the infrastructure bill by September 27. It is expected they will consider and pass the \$3.5 trillion budget reconciliation legislation in tandem with it. At this time, budget reconciliation is an outline; lawmakers are currently fleshing out legislative details.

For further information on what was included in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, please visit ibewaction.org.



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Thank you for your support for all of President Biden's Build Back Better agenda

- We need both the Bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act as well as the Reconciliation Package to make it to President Biden's desk and ask that you support a strategy that would get us there.
- The dollar amount associated with new spending in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act on hard infrastructure is a great step toward finally getting our infrastructure issues addressed in the United States.
- We are happy with the dollar amount associated with the programs BIIJA invested in and are supportive of the bill.

If there is an opportunity to improve the BIIJA in the House:

- Add Davis-Bacon prevailing wages on the new broadband program.
- Add the Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Training Program (EVITP), a key credential that ensures only highly trained electricians are installing the electric vehicle charging infrastructure.

If there is an opportunity to improve the the BIIJA through the budget reconciliation package:

- Attach Davis-Bacon prevailing wage requirements to broadband investments.
- Attach EVITP to all investments in EV's, including electrifying the U.S. postal fleet and the federal GSA fleet, as well as any standalone investment.

When negotiating the budget reconciliation package:

- Add additional investments in EV charging infrastructure, with the EVITP requirement.
- Establish labor standards on all tax credits, whether that is renewable energy, carbon capture, EV's, or manufacturing.

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Thank you for passing the Bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act

- President Biden and Senate Democratic leadership have embraced historic funding levels in our nation's hard infrastructure not seen in almost a century.
- We understand that bipartisan compromise is difficult and as a result, strong labor standards on new programs were not added.

When negotiating the budget reconciliation package:

- Ensure that ALL of President Biden's Build Back Better agenda is realized and that hard decisions made in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act are rectified when negotiating the Budget Reconciliation Act.
- Support additional investments in EV charging infrastructure, with the EVITP requirement.
- Restore the full \$15B investment in EV infrastructure, which was cut in half in the bipartisan agreement.
- Support Labor standards on all tax credits, including renewable energy, EV's Carbon Capture and manufacturing.

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