

The Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act **NYC**

And how New Yorkers and the City's transportation network will benefit



The Triple Cantilever of the Brooklyn-Queens Expressway (BQE), which is due for extensive upgrades and repairs.

On November 5, 2021, the U.S House of Representatives passed the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), bipartisan legislation to invest in the nation's infrastructure, including funding for roads and bridges, rail, transit, ports, airports, the electric grid, water systems, broadband, and other priorities. The legislation will provide \$1.2 trillion in total spending over five years, including \$550 billion in new funding, with roughly half of both the total and the new funding going to USDOT.

Thanks to the leadership of U.S. Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer and New York City's Congressional delegation, the five boroughs are expected to benefit in a multitude of ways. In addition to dedicated support of mass transit through the MTA, the IIJA will deliver critical funding to elements of New York City's transportation network controlled by DOT, including the following:

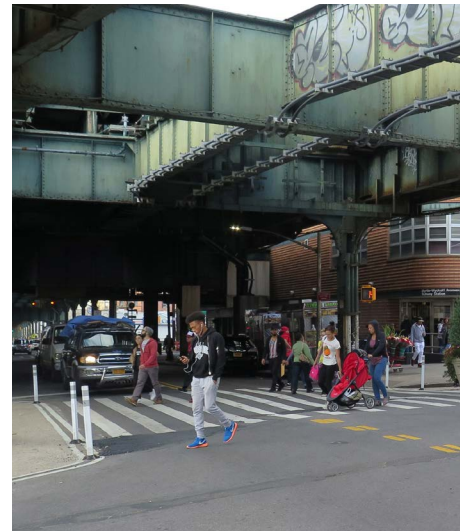
- **Major Bridge Projects** – the IIJA will help DOT maintain and restore its 789 bridges across the five boroughs, including the Brooklyn-Queens Expressway (BQE).
- **Vision Zero Street Improvements** – the IIJA will provide funding for critical Vision Zero projects, and we hope to use new funding to advance capital improvements on Queens Boulevard, Delancey Street in Lower Manhattan, and the Myrtle/Wyckoff Avenue pedestrian plaza in Ridgewood/Bushwick. For these projects and dozens of other street corridors and intersections, curbs will be extended, permanent new sidewalks installed, and bicycle access improved.
- **Resiliency Upgrades** – much of the city's infrastructure is vulnerable to the impacts of the climate crisis. IIJA will provide new funding that DOT can use to protect our streets and bridges against storm surge and extreme precipitation.
- **Electric-Vehicle Charging** – IIJA makes landmark investments in EV-charging infrastructure; new funding could advance our plans for a network of publicly-accessible fast-charging stations.

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- **Rail/Freight** – IJJA’s critical infrastructure investments would shift our reliance on diesel trucks for delivering goods into and around the city, including new investments for ports, rail, and intermodal freight.
- **Greenways** – to support the dramatic increase in cycling across the five boroughs, we hope to use new funding to advance plans to further build out the greenway network across the city, with an emphasis on improved inter-borough connections.
- **Staten Island Ferry Improvements** – the IJJA will enable further improvements for the Staten Island Ferry, the busiest ferry service in the nation with 70,000 daily passengers.

Overall, we expect that the IJJA will increase New York City’s federal formula funding by at least \$50 million a year, providing more than \$1 billion in total formula funds to NYC DOT over the next five years. The legislation also provides \$150 billion in discretionary grant funding to be distributed nationally on transportation projects that advance environmental sustainability, quality of life, economic competitiveness, state of good repair, innovation, and partnerships. These projects will support racial equity, address climate change, and create good-paying jobs.

New York City has several such projects — including the inter-agency Cross Bronx Expressway proposal specifically cited by Senator Schumer — that meet these criteria, and so will be well-positioned to compete for these funds.



Myrtle-Wyckoff Plaza, Brooklyn & Queens



Queens Boulevard



IJJA includes funding for more electric vehicle charging infrastructure.