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Construction  
Advocacy Update

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# Presentation

- ARTBA Background
- Implementing the IIJA
- The New Administration and Congress
- ARTBA's Regulatory and Policy Priorities
- Looking Ahead
- Safety and Health

# Leadership in Washington



- **Founded in 1902**

by Horatio Sawyer Earle

Michigan's First Commissioner of  
Highways

- To Advocate a “Capital  
Connecting  
Government Highway”  
Network

# The ARTBA Mission

Develop & Protect Market

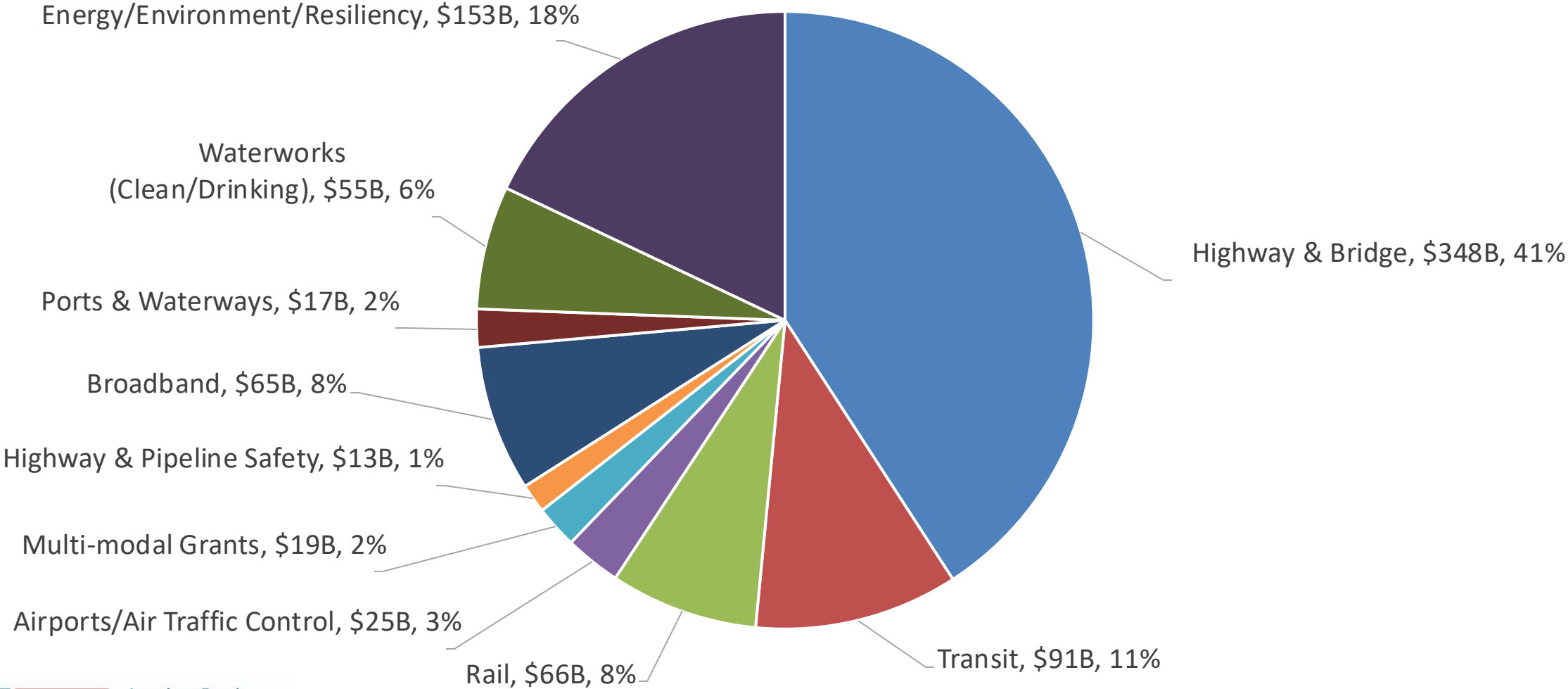
**Develop &  
Protect the U.S.  
Transportation  
Construction Market  
to Meet Public &  
Business Needs &  
Demand**



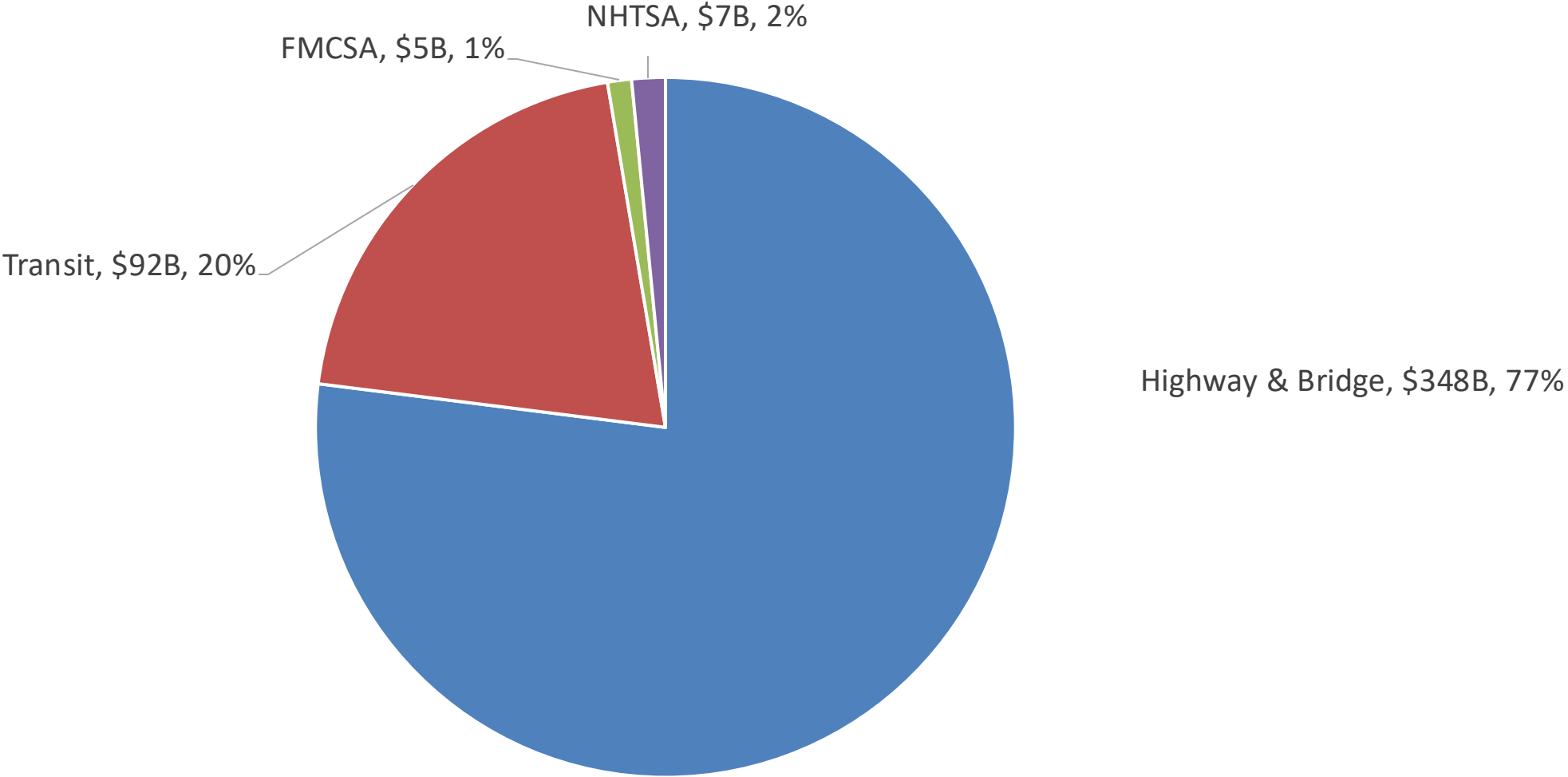
# Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act (IIJA)

- Current federal surface transportation law
- Signed by President Biden on November 15, 2021
- 5 years (Fiscal Years 2022-26)
- Expires Sept. 30, 2026
- Sets investment levels and policies for federal highway and public transportation programs
- Paid for by mix of federal gas/diesel taxes and general funds
- NOTE: The IIJA addresses other forms of infrastructure as well

# Breakdown of \$852 Billion in Guaranteed Funding in the Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act

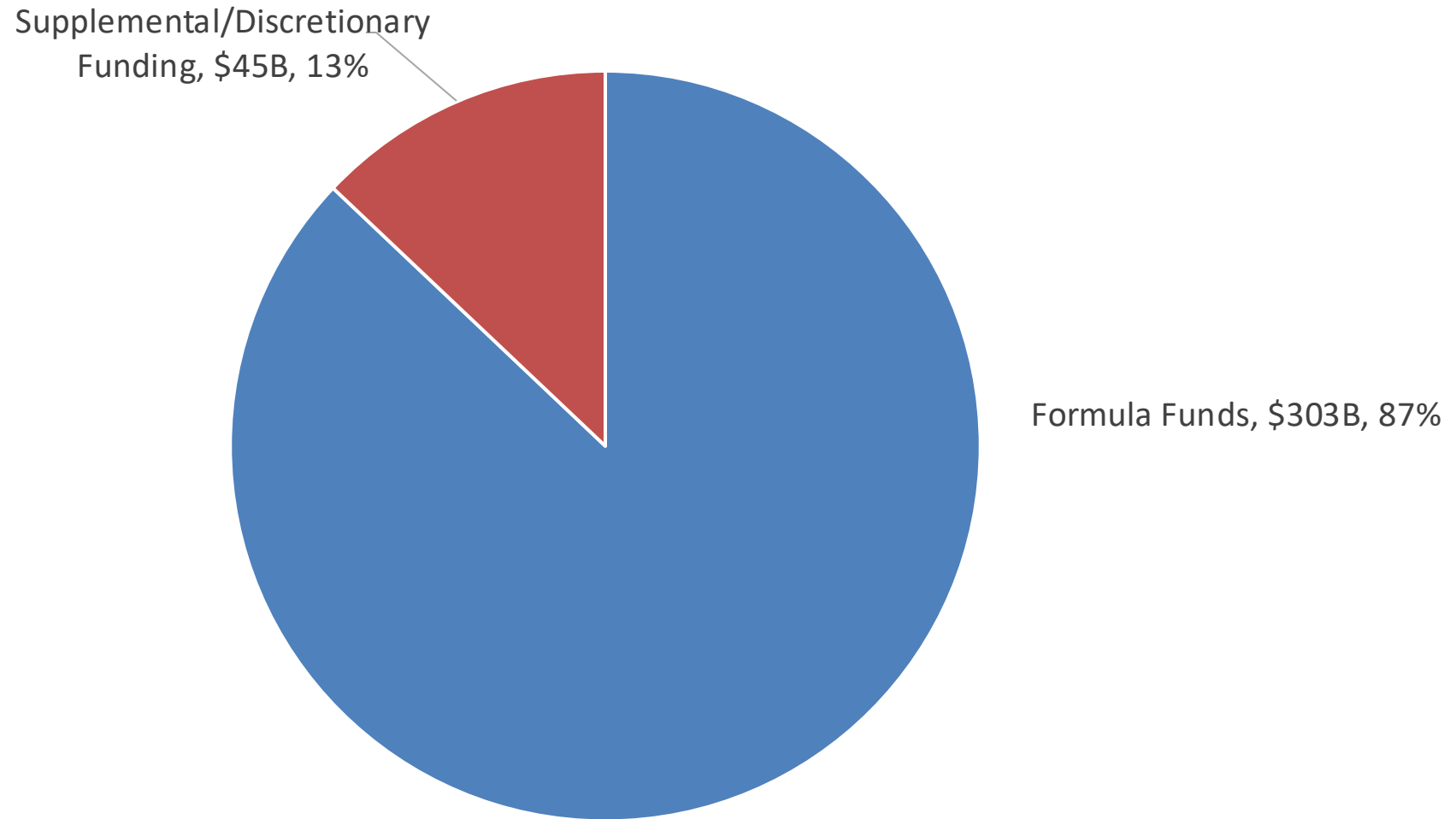


# Breakdown of \$452 Billion in Core Surface Transportation Reauthorization Plus Supplemental Funding in the Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act





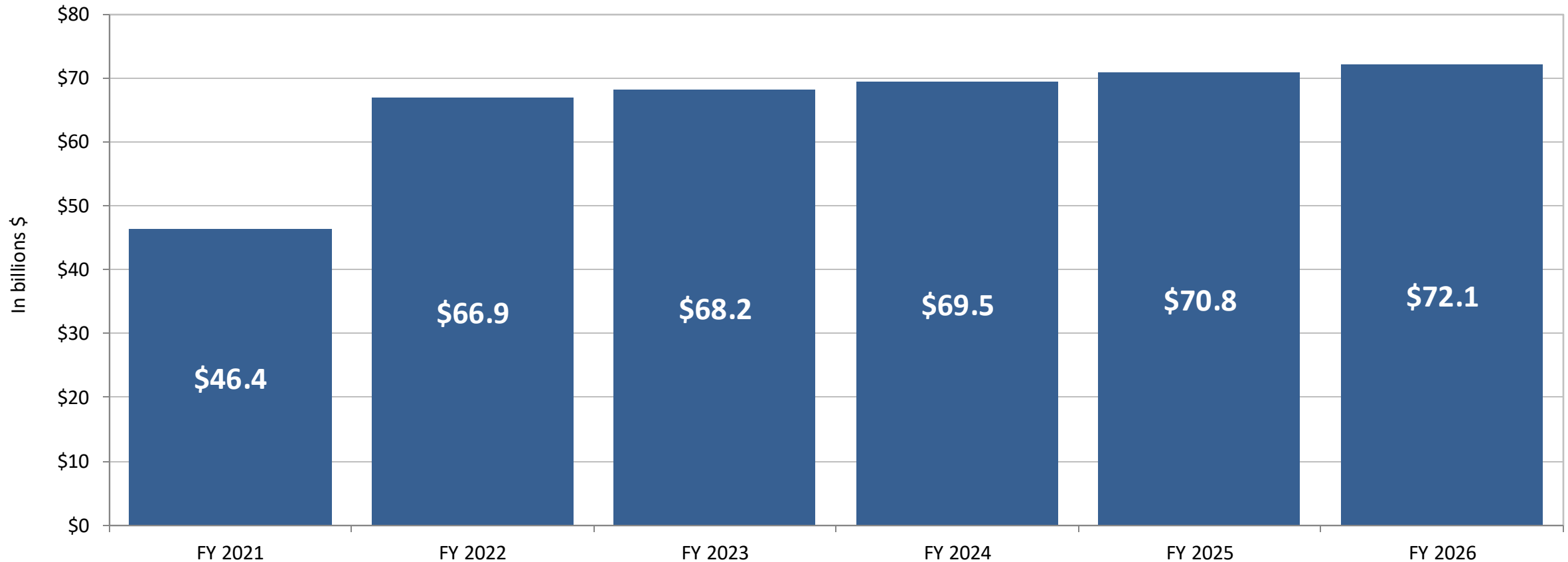
## Breakdown of \$348 Billion IJA Highway Funding



Formula funds include the core highway program, funds for EV charging stations and the conditions-based bridge program.

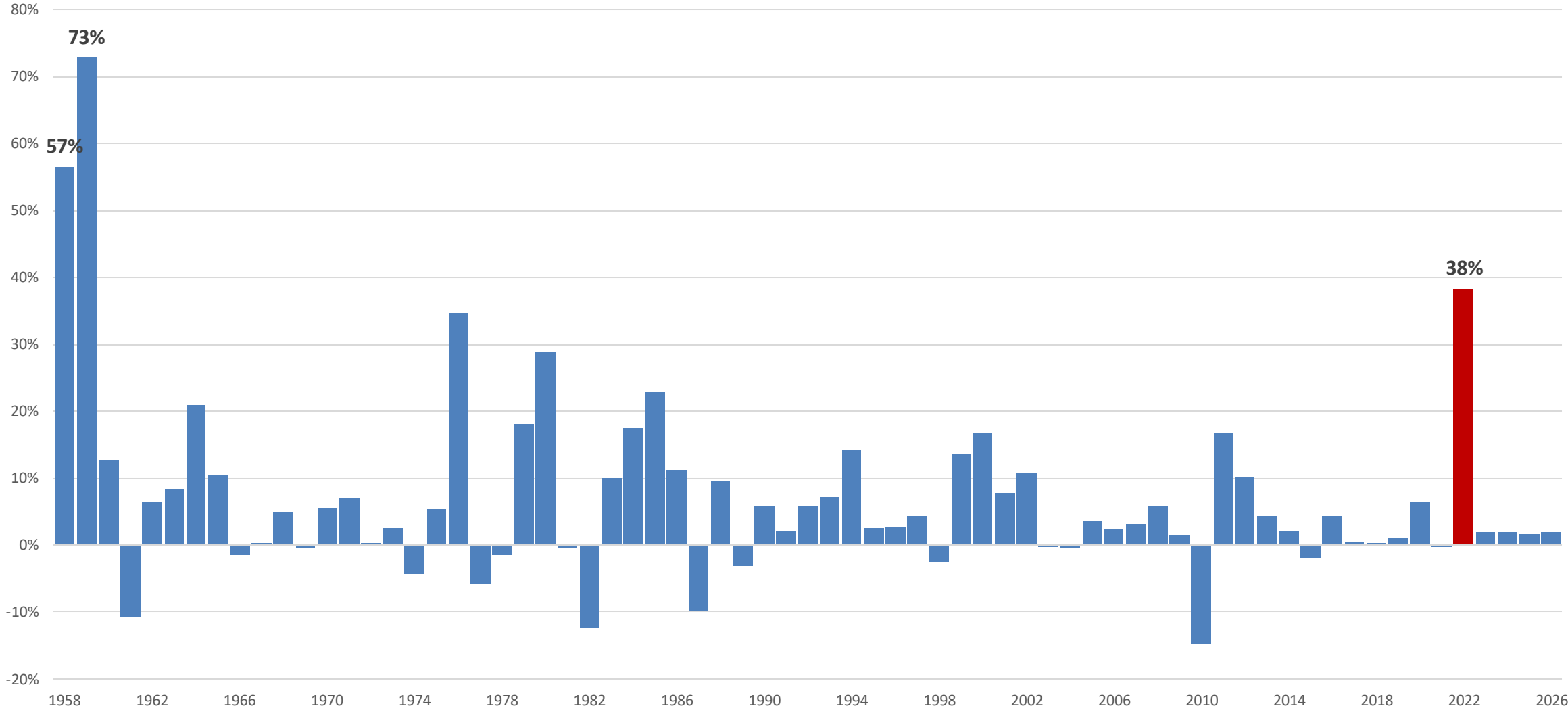
# Increase in Federal-Aid Investment Supporting Record Market Growth

## Federal-Aid Highway Program Total Investment



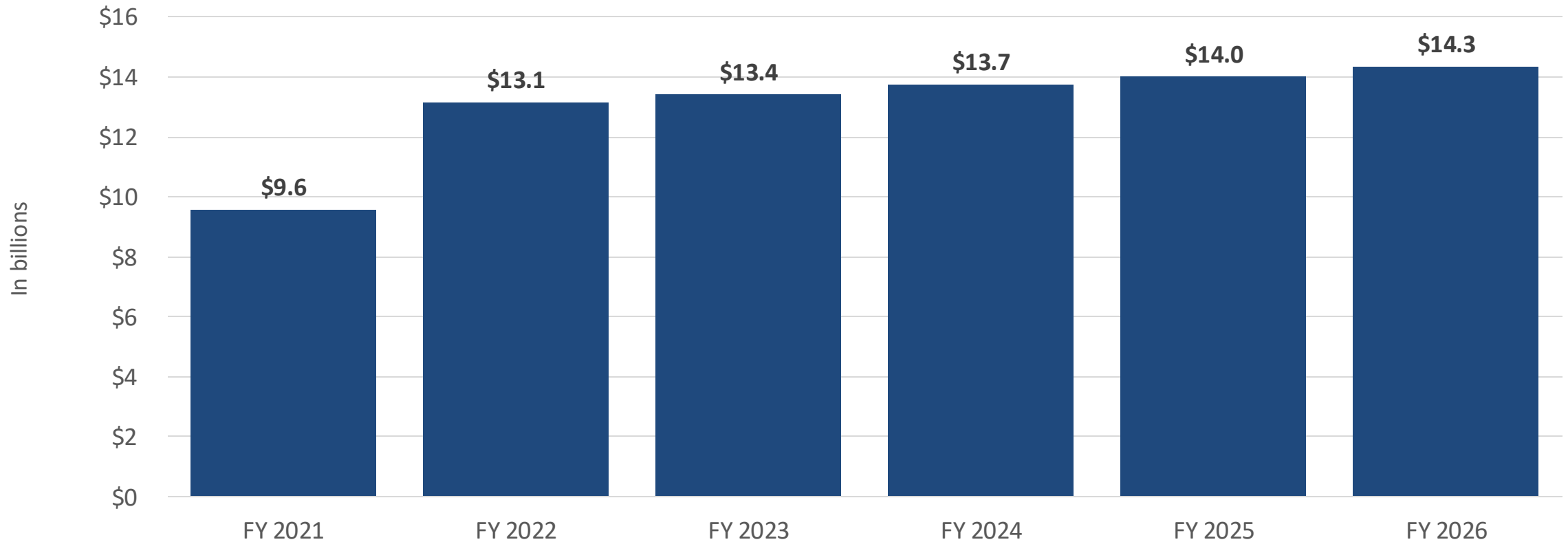
Source: FHWA final notices for annual highway program obligations and supplemental programs, Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act

# Annual Percentage Increase In Nominal Highway Funding



Source: FHWA, IJA Analysis.

# U.S. Transit Apportionments Under Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)



Source: Data is for state appropriations, does not include additional discretionary programs, programs appropriated from the General Fund (including Capital Investment Grants), or other programs that are authorized to be appropriated.

**2,290**

Total new IIJA project commitments  
in Wisconsin as of September 30,  
2024

**54%**

Average state capital spending  
supported by federal funds

**\$3.3B**

Total IIJA funds committed in  
Wisconsin

**\$1.3B**

Awarded through 18 grants for road  
and bridge improvements

**24%**

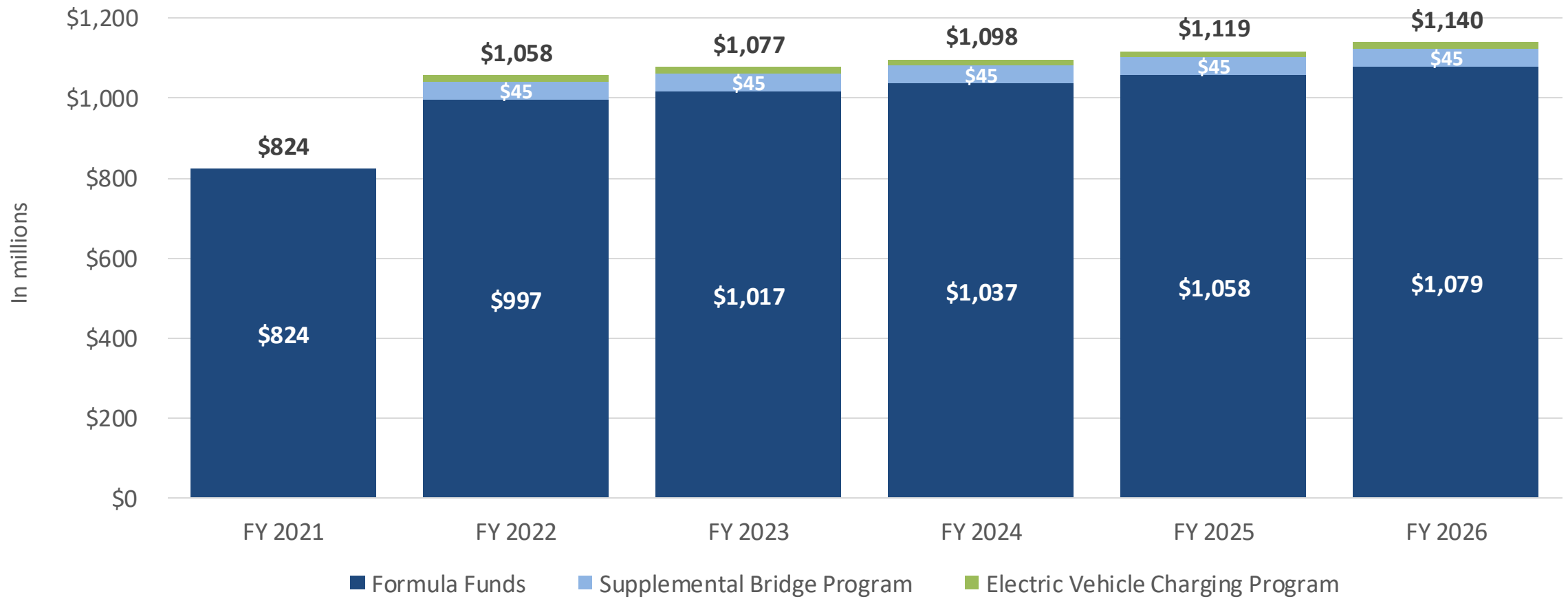
Of projects on National Highway  
System, supporting freight and  
related improvements

**\$2.1B**

Federal reimbursement to the state  
for work performed

# Wisconsin Apportionments Under Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)

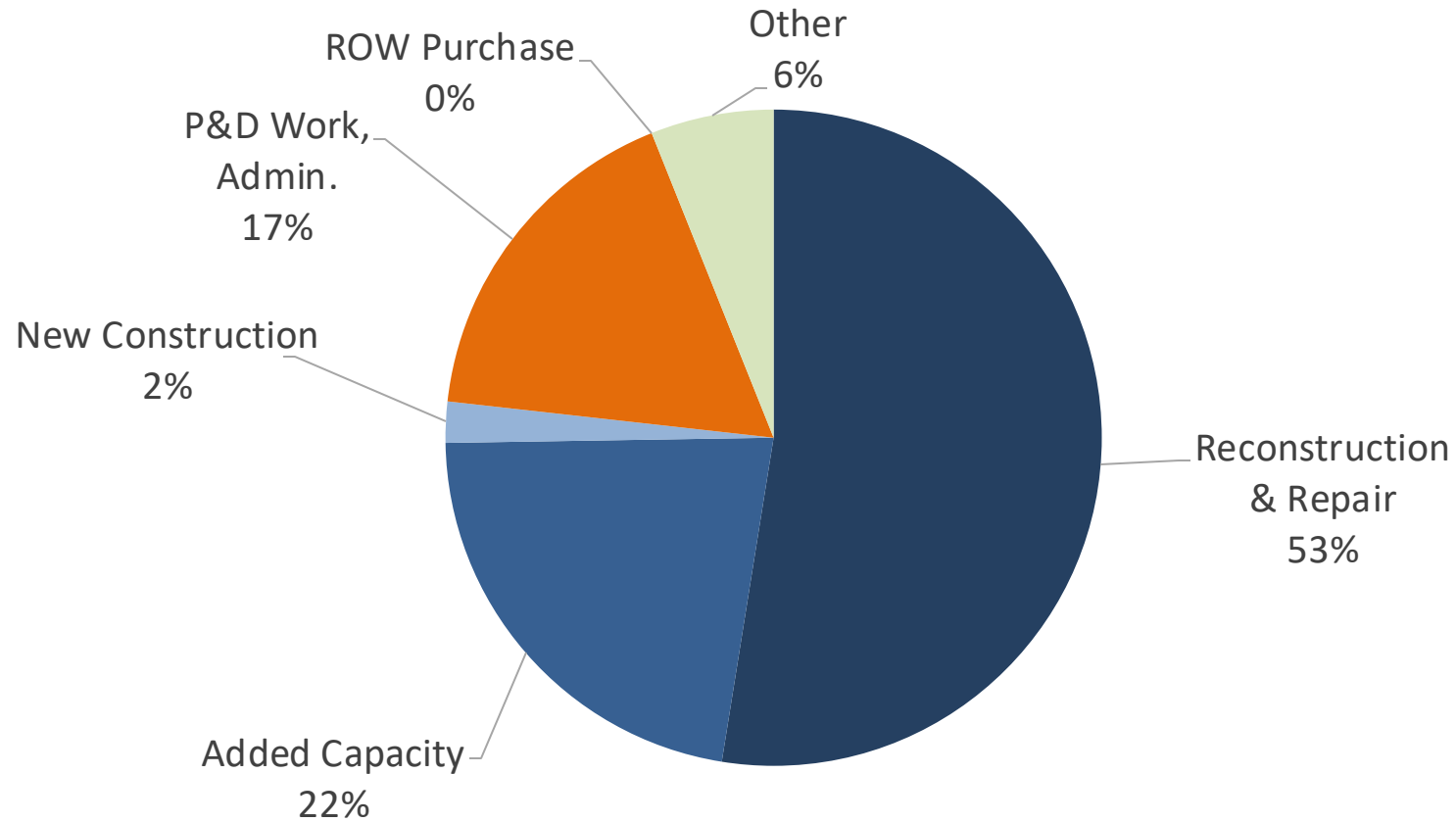
## Federal-Aid Highway Program State Apportionments



Source: Data from Federal Highway Administration.

# Breakdown of IJA Projects by Type of Work Performed, FY 2022 – YTD FY 2024

Wisconsin:  
Value of Federal-Aid Highway Projects by Type



Source: Data from Federal Highway Administration from Oct. 1, 2021 to April 30, 2024.

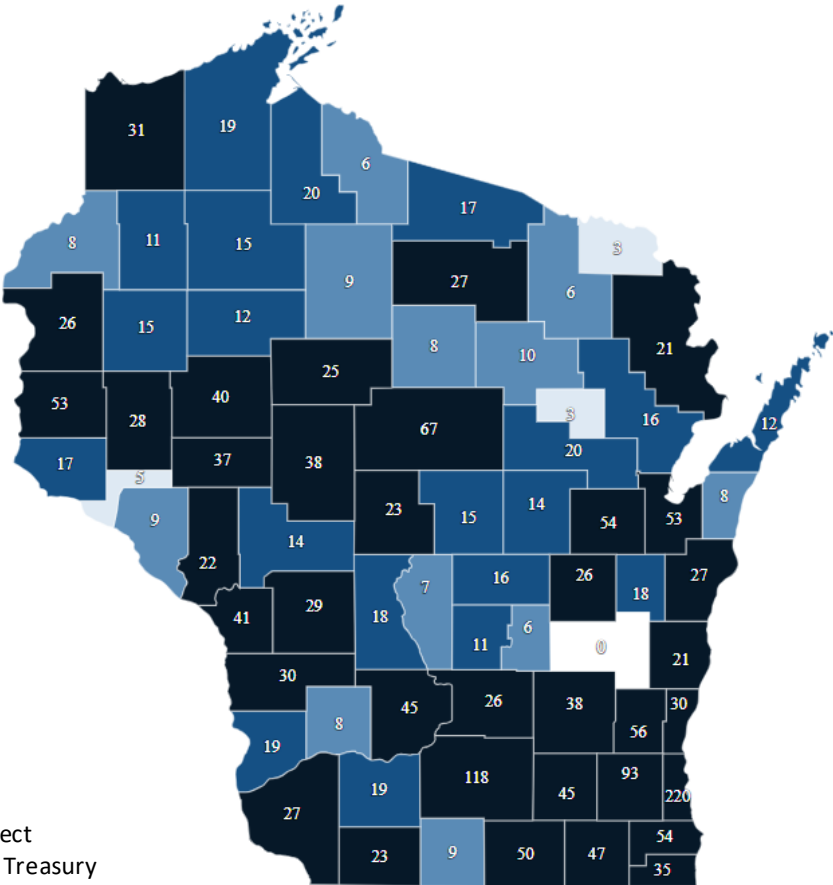
# Federal-Aid Highway Projects by With Identified County, FY 2022 – FY 2024

Does not include statewide projects

## Number of Projects by County

### Project Density Key

0-5 Projects   6-10 Projects   11-20 Projects   21+ Projects



Source: Data from U.S. Treasury and the Federal Highway Administration. Project commitments are included if the base year of the award (identified in the U.S. Treasury data) . Does not include COVID relief, emergency, or supplemental funds. State map does not include projects classified as “statewide”. FY2022 totals include project commitments made using FAST Act extension funds.



# Materials Costs and Availability: ARTBA Dashboard

The screenshot shows the ARTBA National Materials Dashboard. The page title is "National Commodity and Material Prices for Transportation Construction". The dashboard provides an overview of price changes for various commodities and materials used in transportation construction, including the Consumer Price Index (CPI), General Construction Inputs, and Highway & Street Construction Inputs. It also includes a sidebar with navigation options like "National Materials Dashboard", "Highway Dashboard", "Deficient U.S. Bridges", "Annual Market Forecast", and "CONTACT US".

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## National Commodity and Material Prices for Transportation Construction

Since late 2020, the transportation construction industry has confronted unprecedented pandemic-related cost increases and often-limited availability for key commodities and materials. As a result, ARTBA's Construction Forum launched a work group to raise awareness of these market forces, share strategies for addressing the problem and advocate for equitable solutions. To help ensure all project partners – whether public or private – better understand the extent of these dynamics, ARTBA's economics team has centralized national cost data for key inputs and commodities used by the transportation construction industry.

The national data in the dashboard below includes a series of indices from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics to measure relative price changes in the economy:

- The **Consumer Price Index (CPI)** is a measure of the average changes in consumer prices over time and is widely cited as a measure of general inflation.
- The **Producer Price Index (PPI)** series measures specific goods, services, and commodities. They are a family of indices quantifying the average change over time in the prices received by producers for domestically-produced goods, services, and construction.
- The **PPI for Highway & Street Construction** includes weighted prices for the different components used to deliver highway and bridge projects. It does not include labor, capital investment, or imports. The main index is also broken out into energy, service, and goods, highlighted below. The PPI index for different inputs for transportation construction are included separately in the "Major Commodities" and "Select Your Input" options below.

The data are presented in index form and measure relative changes. As an example, if the index is 100 in the base year and increases to 110, prices for that commodity have risen 10 percent over that time period. Dashboard users can view overall trends or filter for specific inputs using data since 2011.

Finally, it is important to emphasize the dashboard incorporates **national** cost data. Many states and regions are experiencing even more exaggerated cost spikes for certain commodities. Also, this data does not measure any shortages or delivery times for materials, another troublesome recent trend. Nevertheless, ARTBA believes this information portrays the extraordinary

Index	Value	% Change From Last Year
Consumer Price Index	296.2	8.3%
General Construction Inputs	151.8	12.2%
Highway & Street Construction Inputs	147.5	13.1%

**CONSTRUCTION, HIGHWAY AND STREET INPUTS** | MAJOR COMMODITIES | SELECT YOUR INPUT

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# ARTBA Annual Bridge Report



## National Bridge Inventory: Wisconsin

Select Congressional District

Download Wisconsin Report (PDF)

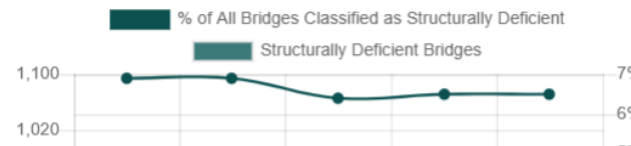
Media Inquiries

- The state has identified needed repairs on 2,217 bridges.
- This compares to 1,836 bridges that needed work in 2020.
- Over the life of the IIJA, Wisconsin will receive a total of \$225.0 million in bridge formula funds, which will help make needed repairs.
- Wisconsin currently has access to \$135.0 million of that total, and has committed \$80.8 million towards 291 projects as of June 2024.
- Of the 14,446 bridges in the state, 942, or 6.5 percent, are classified as structurally deficient. This means one of the key elements is in poor or worse condition.
- This is down from 979 bridges classified as structurally deficient in 2020.
- The deck area of structurally deficient bridges accounts for 4.3 percent of total deck area on all structures.

Number of Bridges in Need of Repair, Including Structurally Deficient Bridges



Number of Structurally Deficient Bridges



23

Compared to 23 in 2023

in the nation in % of structurally deficient bridges

1. Iowa	19.0%
22. Hawaii	7.0%
23. Wisconsin	7.0%
24. Wyoming	7.0%

19

Compared to 19 in 2023

in the nation in # of structurally deficient bridges

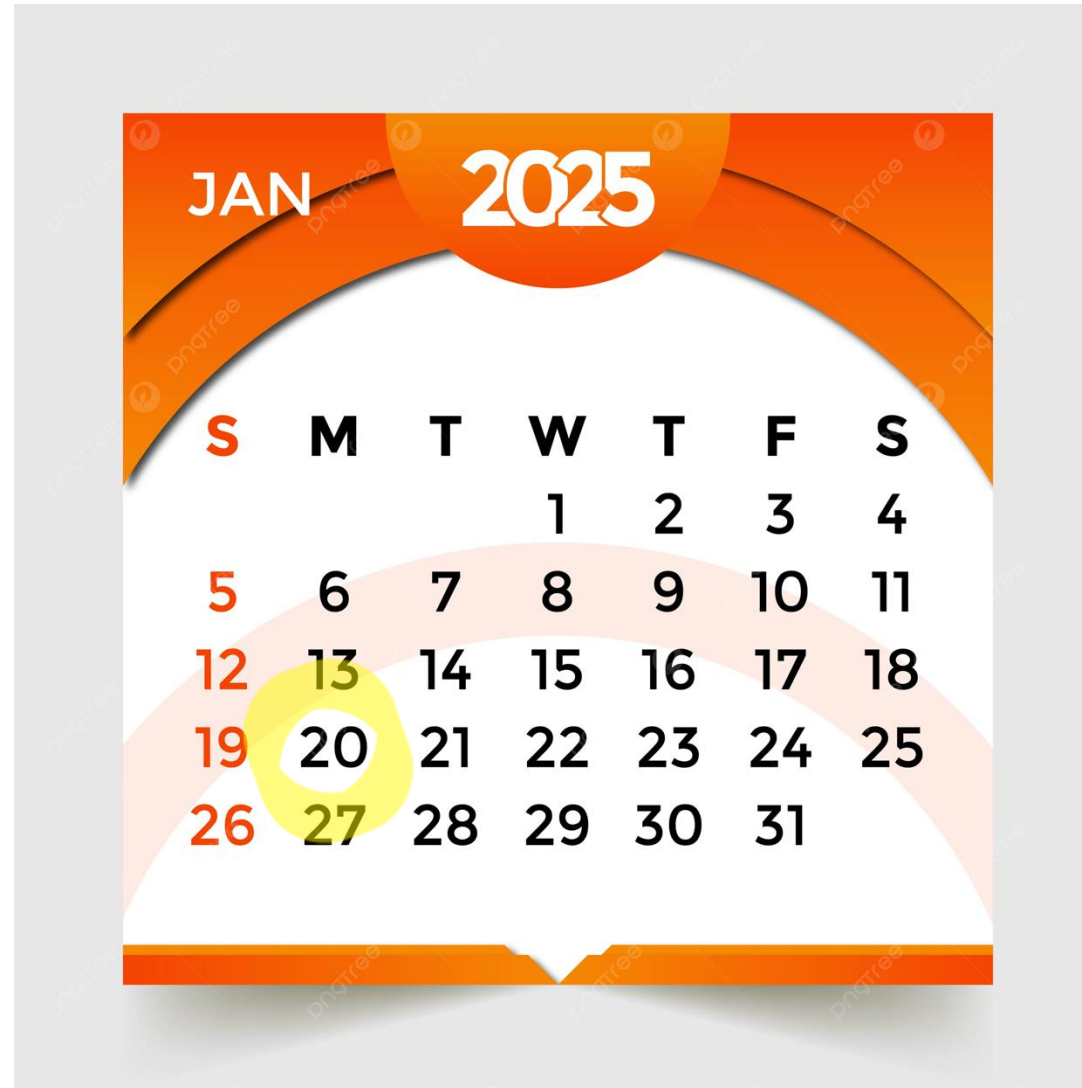
1. Iowa	4,544
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# IIJA Reauthorization

ARTBA's "Renew 2026"  
Reauthorization Task Force  
has begun work

- IIJA as baseline investment
- \$139 billion needed for Highway Trust Fund
- Policy recommendations

# New Administration and Congress...



# “Personnel Is Policy”

**President-elect Trump**

**Appointments and  
nominations important  
to the  
transportation  
construction industry**



# Secretary of Transportation

## Sean Duffy

- Represented northern Wisconsin in U.S. House (2011-19)
- Wide-ranging TV experience
- Would oversee IJA implementation and could help formulate 2026 reauthorization proposal



# Environmental Protection Agency Administrator

## Lee Zeldin

- Represented Long Island region of New York in U.S. House (2015-23)
- Supported FAST Act (2015)
- Would oversee policies on permitting, WOTUS and more



# Secretary of Labor

## Lori Chavez-DeRemer

- Represented Oregon in U.S. House (2023-25)
- One of three House Republicans to co-sponsor PRO Act
- Would oversee policies relating to OSHA (heat standard, walkaround) and prevailing wage





# More to Come...

- White House Office of Management and Budget (OMB)
  - Administrator, Office of Information & Regulatory Affairs (OIRA)
  - Director, Made in America Office (MIAO)
- Chair, White House Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ)
- DOT – Deputy Secretary, FHWA and FTA Administrators, etc.
- DOL – Asst. Secretary for OSHA, Administrator of Wage and Hour Division, etc.
- EPA – Asst. Administrators for Office of Air and Radiation, Office of Water, etc.

# From the Duffy Announcement...

**“He will prioritize Excellence, Competitiveness, Competence and Beauty when rebuilding America’s highways, tunnels, bridges and airports.”**



- November 18, 2024 -

## STATEMENT FROM PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP

I am pleased to announce that former Congressman Sean Duffy, from the Great State of Wisconsin, is nominated to serve as the Secretary of Transportation. Sean has been a tremendous and well-liked public servant, starting his career as a District Attorney for Ashland, Wisconsin, and later elected to the U.S. House of Representatives for Wisconsin's 7th Congressional District.

During his time in Congress, Sean was a respected voice and communicator in the Republican Conference, advocating for Fiscal Responsibility, Economic Growth, and Rural Development. Admired across the aisle, Sean worked with Democrats to clear extensive Legislative hurdles to build the largest road and bridge project in Minnesota History.

As a member of the House Financial Services Committee, Sean played a key role in shaping and strengthening Economic policies, and ensuring Transparency and Accountability in Government programs. Sean's leadership extended to championing the needs of families, farmers, and small businesses, especially in rural communities.

He will prioritize Excellence, Competence, Competitiveness and Beauty when rebuilding America's highways, tunnels, bridges and airports. He will ensure our ports and dams serve our Economy without compromising our National Security, and he will make our skies safe again by eliminating DEI for pilots and air traffic controllers.

The husband of a wonderful woman, Rachel Campos-Duffy, a STAR on FoxNews, and the father of nine incredible children, Sean knows how important it is for families to be able to travel safely, and with peace of mind.

Sean will use his experience and the relationships he has built over many years in Congress to maintain and rebuild our Nation's Infrastructure, and fulfill our Mission of ushering in The Golden Age of Travel, focusing on Safety, Efficiency, and Innovation. Importantly, he will greatly elevate the Travel Experience for all Americans!

**“...maintain and rebuild our Nation’s Infrastructure, and fulfill our Mission of ushering in the Golden Age of Travel, focusing on Safety, Efficiency and Innovation.”**

# 118<sup>th</sup> Congress (2023-24)

- **Senate**
  - **51 Democrats and Independents**
  - **49 Republicans**
- **House of Representatives**
  - **221 Republicans**
  - **214 Democrats**

# 119<sup>th</sup> Congress (2025-26)

- **Senate**
  - **53 Republicans**
  - **47 Democrats and Independents**
- **House of Representatives**
  - **219 Republicans**
  - **215 Democrats**
  - **1 vacancy**

# Key Committee Leadership

## Senate Environment & Public Works Committee



Chair:  
Sen. Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV)



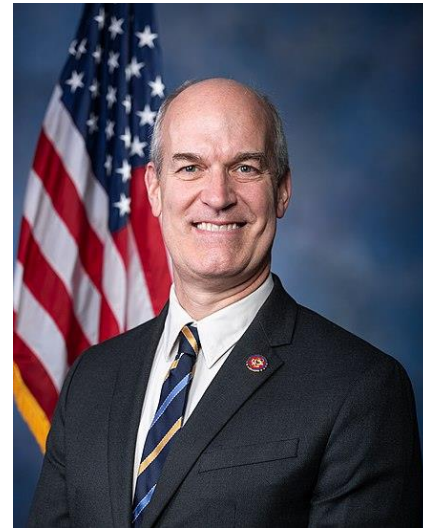
Ranking Member:  
Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI)

# Key Committee Leadership

## House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee



Chair:  
Rep. Sam Graves (R-MO)



Ranking Member:  
Rep. Rick Larsen (D-WA)

# Implementing the IJA: ARTBA Three-Year Assessment

## What's Working

- **Formula Funds:** Nearly \$180 billion supporting over 85,000 new highway and bridge projects
- **Major Projects:** Since FY 2022, 335 highway and bridge projects have received at least \$50 million in federal funds
- **Discretionary Grants:** Have enabled many critical and long-deferred projects to move forward, but need renewed focus on supply chain and mobility
- **Flexibility:** Unprecedented opportunities to use federal resources for unmet transportation solutions

# Implementing the IJA: ARTBA Three-Year Assessment

## Needs Improvement

- **Buy America**
- **DBE Program**
- **One Federal Decision:** Should be expediting project approvals with two-year review timelines
- **Greenhouse Gas Mandate:** Imposed by FHWA without statutory authority. 22 states challenging in federal court. ARTBA and AGC supporting the challenges.
- **Cost Adjustments:** FHWA would not allow federal-aid funds to help mitigate unanticipated cost spikes



# ARTBA Regulatory and Policy Priorities

## General Comments:

- Some rules/policies are easier to change than others
- Don't assume the Trump Administration will change direction on all Biden Administration policies

# ARTBA Regulatory and Policy Priorities

- **Contracting**
- **Environmental Stewardship**
- **Labor, Safety and Health**

# ARTBA Regulatory and Policy Priorities

## **Contracting:**

- Buy America
- DBE Program

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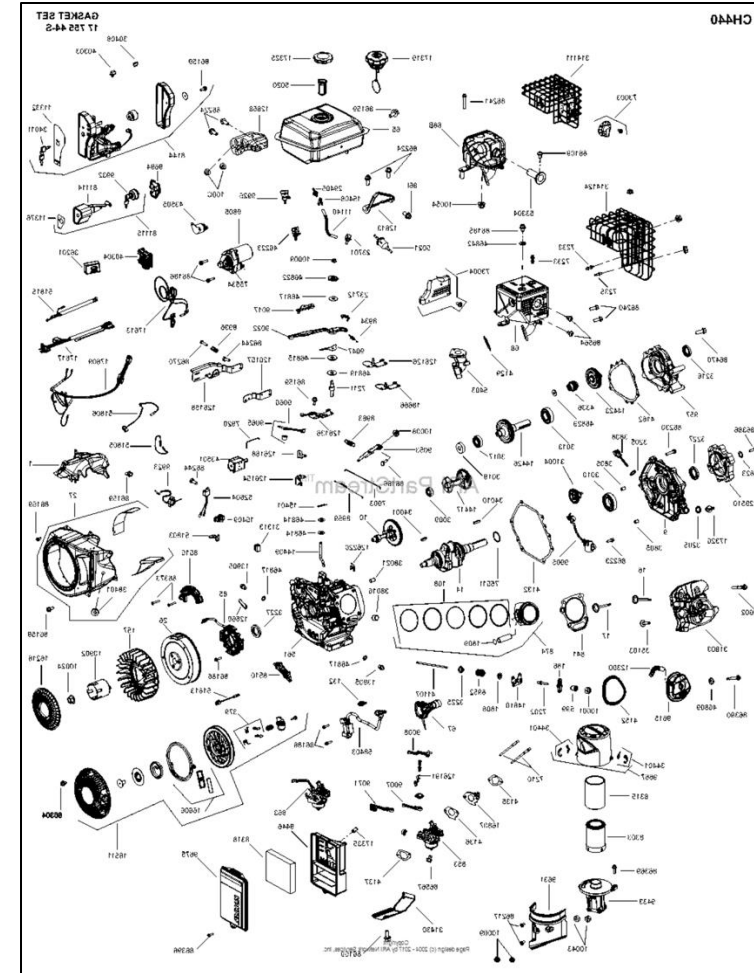
## Buy America

- White House “Made in America Office” reviews all waiver requests
- Lack of clarity in new rules
- Contractors should not bear the risk of compliance

# ARTBA Regulatory and Policy Priorities

## Buy America

- FHWA is rolling back its waiver for manufactured products (announced 1/13)



# ARTBA Regulatory and Policy Priorities

## DBE Program: Rule Revisions (effective 5/24)

- Did not include original proposal for 50 percent cap in meeting project goal through suppliers
- New data collection requirements
- Prompt pay

# ARTBA Regulatory and Policy Priorities

## DBE Program: Litigation

- *Mid-America Milling (MAMCO)* case
- Federal judge granted preliminary injunction in Sept. and clarified in Oct.
- 0% DBE goals on any of plaintiffs' projects of interest in any state
- FHWA issued guidance to all states

# ARTBA Regulatory and Policy Priorities

## DBE Program: Litigation

- Judge Van Tatenhove still needs to decide case on the merits
- He has signaled likelihood of declaring DBE program unconstitutional
- Legal options
- Other challenges possible



# ARTBA Regulatory and Policy Priorities

## Environmental Stewardship and Permitting

- Greenhouse Gas Mandate
- Waters of the U.S. (WOTUS)
- NEPA
- Endangered Species Act

# ARTBA Regulatory and Policy Priorities

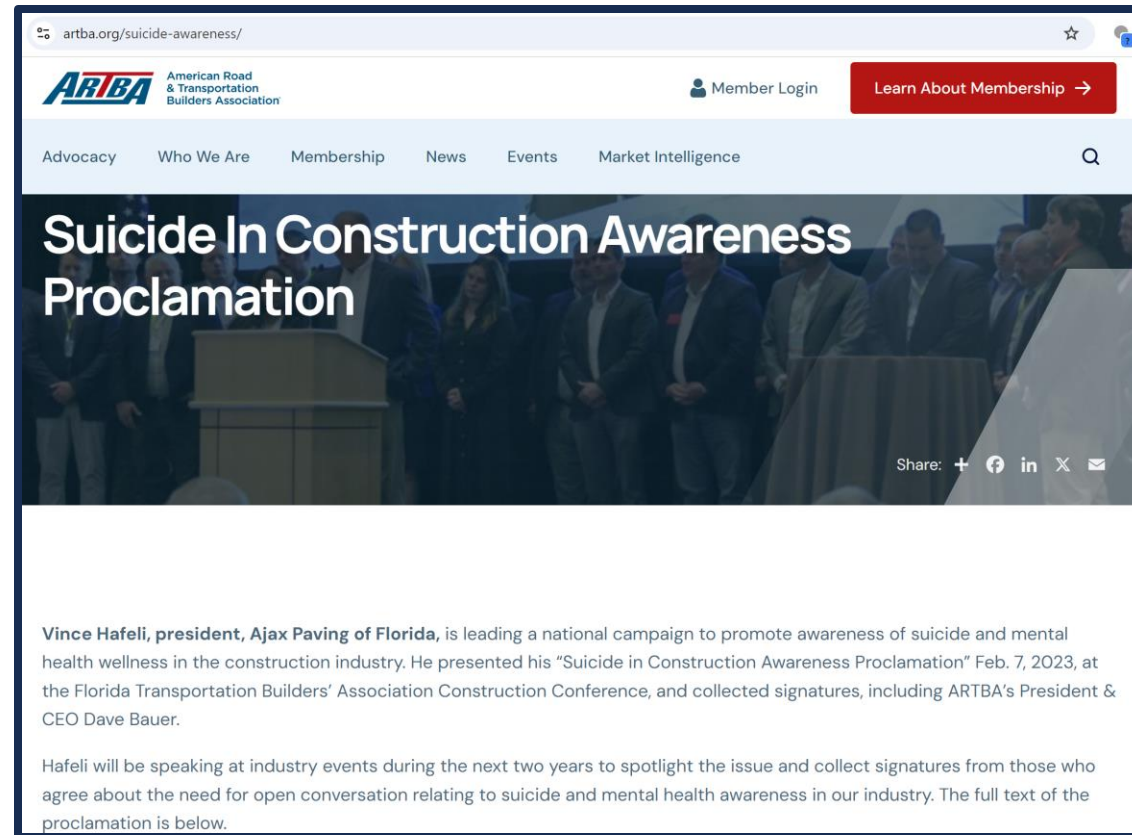
## **Labor, Safety and Health:**

- Heat Safety Standards
- Davis-Bacon
- Project Labor Agreements
- Worker Walkaround Rule

# Looking Ahead

- U.S. DOT discretionary grants
- “Wild Cards”
  - Tax legislation
  - “DOGE”
  - Tariffs
  - Immigration

# Safety and Health



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL [artba.org/suicide-awareness/](http://artba.org/suicide-awareness/). The page header includes the ARTBA logo (American Road & Transportation Builders Association), a "Member Login" link, and a "Learn About Membership" button. A navigation menu contains links for "Advocacy", "Who We Are", "Membership", "News", "Events", and "Market Intelligence". The main content area features a large image of a group of people at a podium, with the title "Suicide In Construction Awareness Proclamation" overlaid. Below the image are social media sharing icons and two paragraphs of text.

**Vince Hafeli, president, Ajax Paving of Florida,** is leading a national campaign to promote awareness of suicide and mental health wellness in the construction industry. He presented his "Suicide in Construction Awareness Proclamation" Feb. 7, 2023, at the Florida Transportation Builders' Association Construction Conference, and collected signatures, including ARTBA's President & CEO Dave Bauer.

Hafeli will be speaking at industry events during the next two years to spotlight the issue and collect signatures from those who agree about the need for open conversation relating to suicide and mental health awareness in our industry. The full text of the proclamation is below.

# Getting Involved

- ARTBA Central Region Webinars/Meetings
- Member Activities and News
- Grassroots Alerts
- Policy Forums
- Industry Leader Development Program
- More

**Thank You for  
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**We Need Continued Help  
from WTBA and Your  
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