



Where's the Wind Money?

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Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill (\$1T over 10 Years)

- President Biden signed H.R. 3684 into law at a White House Rose Garden ceremony on *November 15, 2021*, with bipartisan Members of Congress, Governors, Mayors and Labor reps.
- The official title of the new law is the **Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)(Pub.L. 117-58)**.
- Here's what's in it that *Virginians* and this audience should care about—\$550B each year for traditional infrastructure including roads, bridges, airports, EV charging stations and broadband. [The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Will Deliver for Virginia \(transportation.gov\)](#).

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- On the transportation side, the law includes:
 - \$17B for ports – most of it going to the ACOE to select projects.
 - \$240M for MARAD/DOT this year for the Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) and Marine Highways.
 - Secretary Buttigieg announced a plan to get the money out the door at DoT in under 90 days. (This would be the NOFO).
 - \$28B for grid enhancement.
 - \$100M for wind energy demonstration projects.
 - Makes the FAST-41 Act process permanent to expedite permitting for major infrastructure projects.
- Senator Warner touted the bill in a press release and said there's money in it for Hampton Roads.

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- President Biden announced a new Infrastructure Council at the White House to be Chaired by Brian Deese, Chair of the NEC.
- Former NOLA Mayor Mitch Landrieu will be in charge of the delivery of the Infra dollars. (I call him the Infrastructure Czar).
- The Council will consist of 7 Cabinet officials and they must comply with the “Justice 40” Initiative, i.e., 40% of the dollars must flow to disadvantaged communities.

Build Back Better Plan (\$1.75T)(H.R. 5376)

- At the same time, Congress is debating the **Build Back Better Plan** or soft infrastructure. This is where most of the energy and climate change money is. The House passed its Build Back Better Plan on *November 19, 2021*.
- The bill is now pending in the Senate where the Parliamentarian has to apply the Byrd rule and other budget rules to determine what stays in this reconciliation bill.
- We expect the Senate to amend the House passed bill which means it has to go back to the House for re-passage before it goes to the President. In particular, Senator Manchin (D-WV) is concerned about spending this much money in light of inflation issues facing the country.
- SALT tax credits are still up in the air as is paid family leave.

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- The BBB Plan has \$300B for climate change or clean energy credits including:
 - \$151B for wind, solar and storage tax credits.
 - \$14B for manufacturing tax credits (but no money for vessels). For example, 2 cents per blade, 5 cents per nacelle and 3 cents per tower.
 - \$23B in nuclear credits.
 - \$11B for grid tax credits.
 - \$9B for clean hydrogen tax credits.
 - \$20B for EV tax credits.
 - \$15B in biofuels incentives.

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- Both the ITC and the PTC are extended until 2031 and could be further extended if domestic content requirements are met and until emission targets are met.
- Direct payment in lieu of tax credits is available if domestic content requirements are met –20% by 2025, 55% by 2027.
- The goal is to have the final bill to the President by the end of the year.
- Implementation of both bills will be a challenge.

Questions or Comments?



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