



Policy Update

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President Biden Signs IIJA into Law – After a torturous route through the federal legislative process, President Biden signed the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) into law on November 15, 2021. Now begins the implementation phase of the law. States and transit operators should be receiving the FY22 apportionments at the IIJA levels in the next couple of weeks. The new formula programs, like Carbon Reduction and Bridge, may take a bit more time to get up and running as USDOT develops the implementation guides for the programs. With so many new competitive grant programs in the IIJA it may take several months to publish the Notice of Funding Opportunities, but we expect the older programs like INFRA and RAISE to be released sooner. The Appropriation Committees will need to raise the obligation limitation to match the one set in the IIJA, and we expect that will be on the list of to-do's when Congress addresses the expiration of the current CR that runs out on December 3rd. Without the increase in the obligation limitation, almost \$15 billion in funding increase will not occur (\$11 billion in highways, and \$3 billion for transit). All the programs funded with the advanced appropriations would execute as the bill provides.

AMPO will be joining NARC in supplying USDOT with some implementation recommendations as USDOT analyzes the IIJA and starts to implement the new law.