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Federal Update

American Jobs Plan Act of 2021 Overview

Bridges, Roads and Highways - \$621 billion

- \$115 billion to modernize bridges, highways, roads and main streets in need of critical repair
- Includes funding for air quality, emissions and congestion
- Modernize 20,000 miles of highways
- \$20 billion to improve road safety – Includes a new Safe Streets for All program to fund state and local "vision zero" plans to reduce crashes and fatalities, especially for cyclists and pedestrians

Public Transit - \$190 billion

- Modernize existing transit and help agencies expand their systems
- Address repair backlog

Ports, Waterways and Airports - \$42 billion

- The Airport Improvement Program (AIP)
- Upgrades to Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) assets
- A new program to support airport terminal renovations and multimodal connections for convenient, car-free access to air travel
- Healthy Ports program to mitigate the cumulative impacts of air pollution on neighborhoods near ports, often communities of color

Rail and Freight - \$80 billion

- Improving existing corridors and connect new city pairs
- Enhancing grant and loan programs that support passenger and freight rail safety, efficiency and electrification

Electric Vehicles - \$174 billion

- Enable automakers to spur domestic supply chains from raw materials to parts, retool factories to compete globally and support American workers to make batteries and EVs
- Give consumers point-of-sale rebates and tax incentives to buy American-made EVs, while ensuring that these vehicles are affordable for all families and manufactured by workers with good jobs
- Establish grant and incentive programs for state and local governments and the private sector to build a national network of 500,000 EV chargers by 2030, while promoting strong labor, training and installation standards.

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- Replace 50,000 diesel transit vehicles and electrify at least 20 percent of the yellow school bus fleet through a new Clean Buses for Kids Program at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), with support from the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE)

Broadband and Digital Infrastructure - \$100 billion

- Build high-speed broadband infrastructure to reach 100 percent coverage
- Build "future proof" broadband infrastructure in unserved and underserved areas to reach 100 percent high-speed broadband coverage
- Prioritize support for broadband networks owned, operated by or affiliated with local governments, nonprofits and co-operatives

Other Provisions - \$45 billion

- Creates a new program to reconnect neighborhoods cut off by historic investments
- Creates a dedicated fund to support projects that have tangible benefits to the regional or national economy but are too large or complex for existing funding programs

Infrastructure Resiliency - \$50 billion

- Dedicated investments to improve infrastructure resilience
- Safeguard critical infrastructure and services and defend vulnerable communities
- Target investments to support infrastructure in those communities most vulnerable physically and financially to climate-driven disasters and to build back above existing codes and standards
- Maximize the resilience of land and water resources to protect communities and the environment

Retrofitting Homes and Commercial Buildings - \$213 billion

- Build, preserve and retrofit more than 2 million homes and commercial buildings to address the affordable housing crisis
- Construction and preservation of affordable housing
- \$20 billion in new federal tax credits to spur the construction and rehabilitation of 500,000 homes for low- and middle-income homebuyers
- Creation of new competitive grant program to induce state and local governments to pare back costly zoning and land-use policies



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State of Florida Update

Hazardous Walking Conditions

- House Early Learning & Elementary Education unanimously advanced HB 229 after adopting a PCS that changed the bill to a DOT study. The amended bill requires DOT to conduct a study with input from stakeholders on the safety of walking conditions to and from public school for K-12 students.

DOT Package

- House Tourism, Infrastructure & Energy unanimously advanced HB 1385, DOT's legislative package. The bill is substantially similar to the DOT package which failed to pass in the 2020 Legislative Session. Among other things, the package removes unnecessary requirements; raises the debt service cap for right-of-way acquisitions and bridge construction bonds; requires MPOs to submit work program projects by August 1st rather than October 1st; and grants FDOT rulemaking authority to implement statutes related to airport zoning.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety

- House Infrastructure & Tourism Appropriations and Senate Transportation unanimously advanced HB 605 and SB 950. The legislation is a bicycle and pedestrian safety package. It would add pedestrians to the 3 ft rule vehicles must adhere to when overtaking bicyclists, etc. Under the bill, cars would have to remain at a safe distance behind the pedestrian, bicyclist, etc. until the 3 ft can be accomplished. It provides that no-passing zones do not apply when a car is overtaking a pedestrian, bicyclist, etc. Cars would also have to be at least 20 ft away from bicyclists, etc. before making a right turn. The bill would also require DHSMV to promote driver education on pedestrian and bicyclist safety and add at least 25 questions on the subject to the drivers license test. Finally, the bill allows cyclists to ride two abreast if the bicycle lane is wide enough or when necessary to avoid a hazard. It requires cyclists ride single-file in substandard width lanes.

Traffic and Pedestrian Safety

- House Infrastructure & Tourism Appropriations voted 10-1 to advance HB 1113. The bill creates the Sophia Nelson Pedestrian Safety Act. The bill requires a traffic engineering conducted by a Florida licensed professional engineer prior to installing a new mid-block crosswalk, these crosswalks must conform to established standards and include a pedestrian-facing sign containing language stating duties applicable to a pedestrian. The bill has an indeterminate but significant negative fiscal impact on local governments. The fiscal impact to FDOT is estimated to be \$14.9 million.