

The Surface Transportation Reauthorization Act of 2021

U.S. SENATE COMMITTEE ON
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The Surface Transportation Reauthorization Act of 2021 (STRA-21) is bipartisan legislation to invest in our transportation infrastructure to addressing equity, safety, and climate change. It is the first down payment on the president's American Jobs Plan.

- The bill authorizes \$303.5 billion over five years to upgrade our highways, roads, and bridges with a new focus on addressing climate change, improving safety, and lifting up all Americans.
- This is a 34% increase in funding from the last surface transportation reauthorization. It would be the largest amount of highway funding ever authorized by a surface transportation bill.

STRA-21 creates new programs to address climate change, with funding to reduce emissions and modernize our existing infrastructure to withstand the effects of our changing climate.

- As the largest source of emissions in the U.S. economy, the transportation sector is a key part of moving our country closer to a net-zero future and addressing the climate crisis.
- To that end, STRA-21 calls for \$18 billion in climate programs, including \$6.4 billion for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and \$8.7 billion to increase resilience to climate change and extreme weather.
- It also includes \$2.5 billion to create alternative fuel corridors along the National Highway System and build out electric vehicle charging infrastructure in communities across the country.

STRA-21 works to make our roads safer and help communities historically left behind and harmed by our investments in infrastructure.

- The bill establishes a \$500 million pilot program to help reconnect and revitalize areas divided by highway construction that pose barriers to economic development and opportunity. This painful legacy of past transportation investments continues to harm communities of color.

- It also prioritizes safety for our most vulnerable road users by expanding funding for developing safe, accessible pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure, and boosting funding for projects to benefit tribal communities.

STRA-21 isn't an alternative to the president's plan. It's the first step towards making the American Jobs Plan a reality.

- President Biden's American Jobs Plan builds on the foundation that our nation's current surface transportation programs are continuing. To ensure they do, Congress must act to reauthorize our country's surface transportation law before its current authorization expires in September.
- STRA-21 will upgrade our transportation system and provide it with the tools needed to put President Biden's jobs vision into action. It sets the groundwork for some of the president's key programs, including electric vehicle charging and community empowerment.

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