

10. UPDATE ABOUT INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND JOBS ACT (IIJA)

Background

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) was passed by Congress on November 7, 2021 and signed into law on November 15, 2021. This new law includes \$550 billion in new infrastructure spending, a full reauthorization of the FAST Act, and numerous new transportation funding programs. The IIJA increases funding for the Highway Trust Fund, adds new guaranteed appropriations, and authorizes new spending from the General Fund. Forty-two sections of the IIJA will impact MPOs, including 11 new grant programs and 6 new competitive pilot programs.

Current Situation

This new law will impact the Houston-Galveston region with new or increased formula funding, new competitive funding opportunities, and new planning requirements. Staff will present a summary of the IIJA and initial assessment for the region of new transportation programs, policies, requirements, and funding increases.

Action Requested

Information only.