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In the most recent ASCE Report Card for Iowa’s Infrastructure, the state earned a cumulative grade of a “C.” The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) provides significant new funding to improve the condition of Iowa’s infrastructure systems and better ensure our infrastructure is prepared for the future.

AVIATION: Iowa is home to 7 major airports that will benefit from the $25 billion in increased airport infrastructure funding provided over 5 years from the IIJA.32

BRIDGES: 3% of Iowa’s bridges are in poor condition and considered structurally deficient. The IIJA provides $40 billion in new funding for bridge repair, replacement, and rehabilitation – the single largest dedicated bridge investment in over 50 years. 33

RAIL: In Iowa, passenger rail service is limited to two long-distance routes. However, the state is working with neighboring Illinois to plan for a new line from Chicago to Council Bluffs. The IIJA provides $66 billion to Amtrak in part to expand service, which could include this proposed line.

ROADS: Iowa has a roads infrastructure funding gap of $1.6 billion over annually.34 The IIJA would provide nearly $4 billion in additional funding over the next 5 years.

INLAND WATERWAYS: Iowa is home 490 miles of inland waterways that will benefit from $17 billion in new infrastructure funding over 5 years from the IIJA.35

WASTEWATER: Since 2016, Iowa has received, on average, nearly $21 million annually to finance wastewater projects through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund Program.36 With IIJA funding, the state is set to receive roughly double that for the next 5 years.

DRINKING WATER: Iowa reports a $7.9 billion drinking water investment gap. The IIJA provides $55 billion to upgrade the nation’s water infrastructure.37

DAMS: Iowa has 99 high hazard potential dams.38 The IIJA provides $585 million for high hazard dam rehabilitation and $148 million for dam safety programs.

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