VERMONT

In the most recent ASCE Report Card for Vermont’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 Vermont’s infrastructure systems and better ensure our infrastructure is prepared for the future.

AVIATION: Vermont is home to 2 major airports that will benefit from the $25 billion in increased airport infrastructure funding provided over 5 years from the IIJA.  

BRIDGES: Up to 2.4% of Vermont’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.

RAIL: Vermont has eight Class II or III railroads. Smaller railroads such as these oftentimes require loans to build the infrastructure necessary for connection with larger Class I railroads. The IIJA authorizes the Railroad Rehabilitation and Improvement Financing program, which offers loans to financing for railroad infrastructure, at $250 million over five years.

ROADS: Vermont currently only has approximately two-thirds of the funding it needs to maintain its assets in a state of good repair. Meanwhile, increasingly severe winter storms challenge regular highway system operations and maintenance. The state will receive $1.645 billion over the next five years from the IIJA for transportation system needs.

WASTEWATER: - Since 2016, Vermont has received, on average, nearly $20 million annually to finance wastewater projects through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund Program. With IIJA funding, the state is set to receive roughly double that for the next 5 years.

DRINKING WATER: Vermont reports a $643 million drinking water investment gap. The IIJA provides $55 billion to upgrade the nation’s water infrastructure.

DAMS: Vermont has 61 high hazard potential dams. The IIJA provides $585 million for high hazard dam rehabilitation and $148 million for dam safety programs.

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