

## How the Biden Agenda Delivered for Wisconsin This Week

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MADISON Wis. — This week, President Joe Biden and a bipartisan group of U.S. Senators reached an agreement on the [Bipartisan Infrastructure Deal](#) — a [once-in-generation investment in infrastructure](#)

This deal reaffirms President Biden's commitment to working across the aisle to continue delivering for working families as Biden's agenda builds back better in the Badger state.

Here's what folks across the state are saying about the Biden-Harris administration's recovery efforts and economic agenda:

PBS Wisconsin: [Milwaukee's Pandemic Aid Plan Seeks to Address Persistent Urban Woes](#)

- Milwaukee is set to receive \$394 million in federal pandemic aid over two years through the [American Rescue Plan](#), a \$1.9 trillion coronavirus response package enacted in March 2021. An initial \$197 million of those funds for the city has already been disbursed — accounting for half of its total allotment — and Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett has released his initial plans [for how to spend it](#).

- The American Rescue Plan and a proposed infrastructure package [promoted](#) by President Joe Biden, mark a level of focused federal funding for cities that has not been a policy emphasis for over a half-century, according to [Marc Levine](#), a professor emeritus of history, economic development and urban studies at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

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Wisconsin State Journal: [Train advocates say new funding model could help make Madison stop a reality](#)

- Sen. Tammy Baldwin, D-Madison, described the infrastructure plan as a “bold investment” to create jobs, lower unemployment and rebuild the nation’s roads, bridges and transit systems.

- “I have long supported investments to improve our nation’s railroad infrastructure so we can expand access to safe, reliable and efficient transportation for more Wisconsinites, and I’m excited to support Amtrak’s proposal to expand passenger rail service to new communities in Wisconsin,” Baldwin said in an email.

NBC Milwaukee: ['Tangible improvements': U.S. Commerce Secretary Raimondo talks up new infrastructure plan, what it means for Wisconsin](#)

- Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo tells TMJ4's Charles Benson the plan will help small businesses in Wisconsin with affordable internet access and provide funding for Milwaukee's much-needed lead lateral replacement project.

- "It will have big improvements in transit, how we get around, how we get to work so there's some really tangible improvements here to improve your economy," said Secretary Raimondo. "It'll create thousands of jobs, because everything I just said, laying fiber for broadband, fixing roads, bridges and airports puts people to work in good-paying jobs."

Kenosha News: [Kenosha Innovation Neighborhood project awarded \\$4.9 million in federal stimulus funds for infrastructure](#)

- "President Biden is committed to helping communities not only recover from this pandemic but build back stronger," said U.S. Secretary of Commerce Gina M. Raimondo. "This EDA investment in Kenosha will attract manufacturing and innovation sector businesses and jobs to the region while simultaneously increasing workforce development programs."

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ABC Green Bay: [Wisconsin gets \\$3.1 million for rural COVID-19 vaccination efforts](#)

- Wisconsin is getting \$3.1 million from the federal government to support rural health clinics with vaccination efforts. The money from the American Rescue Plan will go to 63 rural health clinics. They'll use it to combat misinformation and work on increasing vaccine confidence and outreach.

Up North News: [Op-Ed: Rural Communities Need Support to Keep Wisconsin Strong](#)

- Earlier this year, for instance, President Joe Biden and Congressional Democrats passed the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), a big boost to the rural economy and rural people. ARPA included funding for children that is expected to cut rural poverty by a third, direct cash to low-income and working-class people, funding to build local food processing and distribution infrastructure, additional support for Main Street businesses, and critical funding for county governments and townships.