

Senator Reverend Raphael Warnock Priorities and Leadership: *Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act*

The *Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act*, also known as the bipartisan infrastructure package, will improve Georgia's railroads, highways, bike and pedestrian paths, public transportation, airports, ports, and water infrastructure. [Senator Warnock worked aggressively to address Georgia's infrastructure priorities in the package.](#) Thanks to Senator Warnock's efforts, the *Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act* is estimated to provide Georgia with:

- **\$8.9 billion** in federal highway funds to improve Georgia's roads and transportation network;
- Nearly **\$1.5 billion** for public transportation;
- **\$913 million** for waste and drinking water infrastructure;
- **\$619.5 million** for airport improvements across Georgia;
- **\$225 million** to improve bridges. This funding is enough to address 80 percent of Georgia's bridges that are considered in poor condition;
- **\$135 million** for Georgia to install electric vehicle charging infrastructure;
- Over **\$100 million** for broadband;
- **\$4.5 million** for Georgia to construct ferry boats and ferry terminal facilities.

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- **Capital Investment Grant Improvement Act.** Thanks to changes to the Capital Investment Grant (CIG) program, based on Senator Warnock's *Capital Investment Grant Improvement Act* (S. 2308), MARTA, and other local transit providers will now be able to access the CIG program to expand high-quality service. The CIG program is a popular Federal Transit Administration program that aids transit agencies across the country in completing major expansion and capacity upgrade projects.
- **I-14 Corridor.** Senator Warnock and Senator Cruz secured a bipartisan amendment to designate I-14 as a high priority corridor, demonstrating federal support for this potential future interstate that will connect key emerging technology markets and base communities across Georgia—including Fort Benning, Robins Air Force Base, Marine Corps Logistics Base-Albany, and Fort Gordon—and promote the eventual extension of the federal interstate into Georgia.
- **National Infrastructure Project Assistance grant program.** Senator Warnock led efforts to include an investment of **\$5 billion** to fund mega multimodal projects that are regionally and nationally important, but viewed as too large or complex for other funding programs. Some reconnecting community projects like the Midtown Connector or Project Stitch, as well as big freight projects like inland ports and other transformative multimodal projects could be eligible for this new program.
- **Reconnecting Communities.** Senator Warnock has made it a top priority to reverse the damage done when the government built highways and other large infrastructure projects through the middle of historic communities, often displacing or isolating low-income communities and communities of color. He fought to include **\$1 billion** total to help fund community-connecting transportation projects, like the Midtown Connector Project and the Stitch in Atlanta, or removal and redevelopment of the I-16 fly-over exit in Savannah.
- **Clean School Buses.** **\$5 billion** championed by Senator Warnock for low- and no-emission school buses, including at least **\$2.5 billion** for electric school buses. The Environmental Protection Agency will distribute these funds through a new grant program based on Senator Warnock's *Clean Commute for Kids Act* (S. 1271).

- **Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) grant program.** Senator Warnock led the effort to ensure **\$5 billion** for the CRISI grant program to help fund environmental impact studies to advance more passenger rail in Georgia, as well as improve the safety and efficiency of the over 25 short line railroads in Georgia. Senator Warnock specifically included a provision to allow eligibility for locomotive overhauling and procurement that results in a significant reduction of emissions; the provision is based on S. 2309, his legislation to improve the CRISI program.
- **Highway-rail Crossing Grade Separation Program.** Senator Warnock secured **\$3 billion** to establish a new program to improve safety, efficiency, and congestion for travelers and businesses moving goods both on the roads and rails. The Georgia Department of Transportation has identified an estimated \$4 billion worth of potential grade separation or elimination eligible projects.
- **Intercity Passenger Rail.** The legislation provides **\$28 billion** for Amtrak and intercity passenger rail routes outside of the Northeast Corridor. This funding could help upgrade existing service in Georgia and expand passenger rail service along new lines, and connect more Georgian communities through passenger rail. Senator Warnock also fought to include funding to support the creation of new rail interstate compacts, a priority for Georgians actively working to expand intercity passenger rail and make Georgia the passenger rail hub of the Southeast.
- **RURAL Act.** Senator Warnock worked with Senator Braun to introduce the bipartisan *RURAL Act* (S. 1919) that will help local communities eliminate hazards at dangerous highway-rail crossings. For the last four years, Georgia has been one of the top five states for highway-rail incidents. Senator Warnock secured a provision in the package based on the *RURAL Act* will help states modernize unsafe or outdated railroad warning devices.
- **Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) grant program.** Senator Warnock secured **\$8 billion** for the INFRA grant program to help rebuild America's infrastructure and create jobs by investing in projects of regional and national economic significance. Earlier this year, the Georgia Ports Authority won a \$47 million grant from this program to build the Northeast Georgia Inland Port in Hall County. The legislation also increases the number of multimodal projects, giving a competitive edge to Georgia projects that combine the construction of express lanes with new rapid transit lines.
- **Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant program.** Senator Warnock fought to include **\$7.5 billion** in funding for RAISE, formerly known as BUILD and TIGER, which funds road, rail, transit and port projects that promise to achieve national objectives. In the past, Georgians from Fort Valley to Augusta to Dahunega to Jeffersonville to Atlanta have benefited from this popular infrastructure program, and dozens of Georgia projects are eligible.
- **Ports & Waterways.** The legislation includes **\$16.6 billion** for waterway and coastal infrastructure, including funding for Army Corps of Engineers projects and the Port Infrastructure Development Program grants (\$2.25 billion), benefiting Georgia's deepwater ports in Savannah and Brunswick.
- **Water Infrastructure.** Overall, the legislation provides **\$55 billion** to improve water infrastructure, including **\$15 billion** to replace lead pipes and service lines and over **\$23 billion** to fund drinking water and wastewater infrastructure improvements to protect public health and the environment.