



## Infrastructure Week Press Release Template

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### [NAME] Kicks off Infrastructure Week in [CITY/TOWN NAME]

**CITY, STATE** — Today, National League of Cities member [name and title here] kicked off Infrastructure Week in [city/town name, state]. Running from May 16 to May 20, Infrastructure Week is an opportunity for national and local leaders to elevate infrastructure as a critical issue impacting all Americans. This year, as infrastructure investments from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law are available to communities across the nation, [city/town name] is highlighting the importance of these funds.

“[QUOTE HERE. Sample quote: “Small towns and rural communities like [town/city name] need to rebuild and strengthen our infrastructure as much as any big city. With investments from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, we will be able to (explain infrastructure project and how it will benefit people in the community),” said [name here].

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) includes \$1.2 trillion of investments in America’s crumbling infrastructure. Many of these investments will flow to cities, towns and villages. [City/town] plans to use funds from this historic legislation to [highlight a local infrastructure project using federal funds. Some points to consider:

- What problem is being fixed?
- How will the community be helped?
- Will this project bring in new opportunities for jobs?
- Does this project help a disadvantaged community?
- Would this project have been possible without federal funding?]

The bill includes:

- **Broadband:** The largest-ever one-time federal investment in broadband, weighing in at \$65 billion, including programs for broadband infrastructure buildout, affordability and digital equity.
- **Transportation:** More than \$100 billion in competitive funding from USDOT programs across transportation modes with new programs in road safety, rail and more that cities can access.

- Water: \$11.7 billion each for the Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Funds, as well as funding for lead pipe replacement and to address PFAS and other emerging contaminants.
- Climate Change and Resilience: Funding for programs to strengthen infrastructure against extreme weather events, reduce emissions from the transportation sector and invest in clean energy. In particular, BIL includes \$550 million for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant.
- Financing: Includes measures that would allow local governments to issue tax-exempt bonds to finance rural broadband projects; help reduce the cost of commercializing the purchase and installation of carbon capture, utilization, and storage equipment; and increases the current cap of tax-exempt highway or surface freight transfer facility bonds.

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