

WisDems: WHAT THEY'RE READING: Biden, Democrats are funding Wisconsin's ports and airports

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MADISON, Wis. – By investing billions of federal dollars in our country's ports and airports, President Biden and Wisconsin Democrats are strengthening supply chains from ship to shore – lowering costs for working families, supporting Wisconsin-owned businesses, and building climate-resilient infrastructure.

As these projects begin to receive funding from both President Biden's infrastructure plan and Democrat's American Rescue Plan, Wisconsinites across the state are reading about how President Biden and Governor Evers are investing in their communities:

WDIO: [\\$19M in infrastructure bill funding headed to port](#)

“The Port of Duluth-Superior isn't welcoming any ships these days, but it will welcome some cash. The Army Corps of Engineers announced the port will receive \$19 million from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, which President Joe Biden signed into law in November.

[...]

“The money will be split between two projects. The Port Authority says \$13 million will be used for dock wall reconstruction in the Corps of Engineers vessel yard on the Duluth Harbor Basin/Superior Bay side of Park Point. The other \$6 million is earmarked for dredging from Erie Pier.”

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel: [An increase in cruise ships docking at Port Milwaukee is bringing \\$6M to help accommodate the traffic](#)

“A big increase in cruise ships docking at Port Milwaukee is bringing around \$6 million in improvements to help accommodate that traffic.

“And a major piece of that funding will be a \$3.5 million grant to help expand maritime infrastructure for larger cruise ships, Gov. Tony Evers announced Thursday.

[...]

“Port Milwaukee estimates it will host at least 10,000 cruise ship passengers in 2022. That compares to 3,000 in 2019 and less than 1,000 in 2018.

[...]

“The port’s grant is part of \$21.9 million awarded to 27 local governments and organizations through the Tourism Capital Investment Grant Program, according to the governor’s office.

“That program is funded by the federal American Rescue Plan Act.”

NBC Green Bay: [City of Algoma to receive over \\$19 million to repair Harbor’s south breakwater](#)

“‘It’s long overdue,’ City of Algoma Mayor Wayne Schmidt said. ‘The south pier’s over 100 years old. It’s in desperate need of repair.’

[...]

“‘It’s a pipe dream, but a pipe dream that came true,’ Schmidt said. ‘We’re ecstatic about this today.’

“Last month, the Corps of Engineers also announced \$500,000 for dredging on the Big Suamico River, \$50,000 for the Central Brown County Water Authority to complete a feasibility study, and \$1.5 million for Menasha Dam repairs on the Fox River.”

CBS Milwaukee: [FAA to award nearly \\$40 million to Wisconsin airports](#)

“The following commercial airports in Wisconsin are estimated to receive funding during the first year of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law:

- Appleton International Airport: \$3,089,895
- Central Wisconsin Airport in Mosinee: \$1,605,349
- Chippewa Valley Regional Airport in Eau Claire: \$1,015,736
- Dane County Regional Airport-Truax Field in Madison: \$5,023,687
- General Mitchell International Airport in Milwaukee: \$8,962,017
- Green Bay-Austin Straubel International Airport: \$2,810,945
- La Crosse Regional Airport: \$1,359,313
- Rhinelander-Oneida County Airport: \$1,017,639

“An additional 78 reliever and general aviation airports across Wisconsin are also estimated to receive funding during the first year of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. For an interactive map and listing of funding for all Wisconsin airports, visit <https://www.faa.gov/bil/airport-infrastructure>.”