BUILD AMERICA BUREAU

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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About the Bureau

U.S. DOT's "go-to-shop" for Federal transportation finance programs and technical assistance

Delivering More Good Projects Faster

Low-interest, long-term loans for transportation infrastructure

Outreach	Advocacy	Technical Assistance
$110 Billion to lend	Clearing roadblocks	Training
Non-traditional and Underserved Borrowers	Streamlining processes	Education
		Information
		Best practices

Build America Bureau

Advancing investment in America's transportation infrastructure

- Lending Federal funds to qualified borrowers
- Clearing roadblocks for credit worthy projects
- Encouraging best practices in project planning, financing, and delivery
- Fully using available lending capacity while protecting taxpayer resources

U.S. Department of Transportation

Office of the Secretary of Transportation

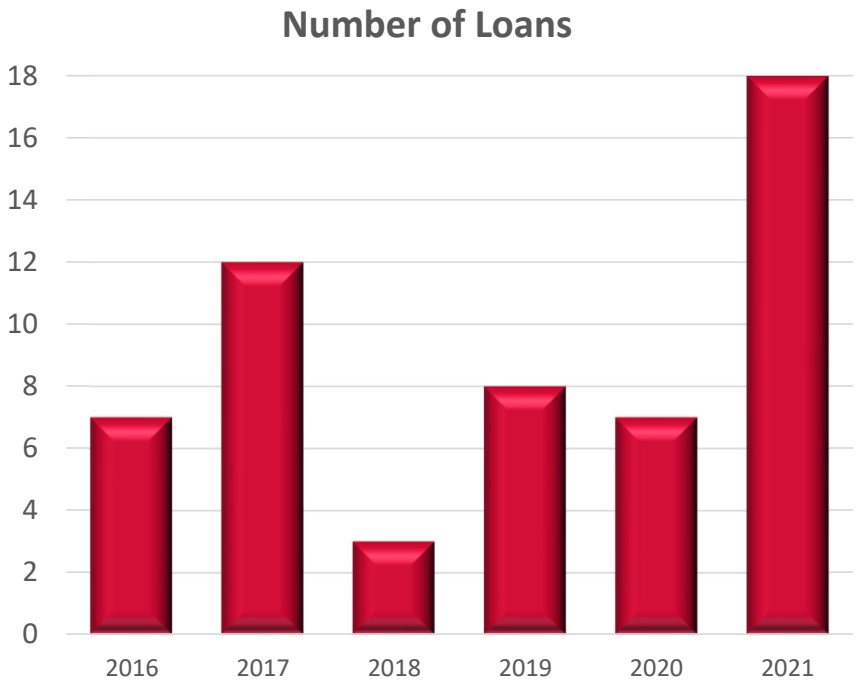
- **Build America Bureau**
  - Outreach
  - Technical Assistance
  - Project Development
  - Risk Management
  - Underwriting
  - Portfolio Management

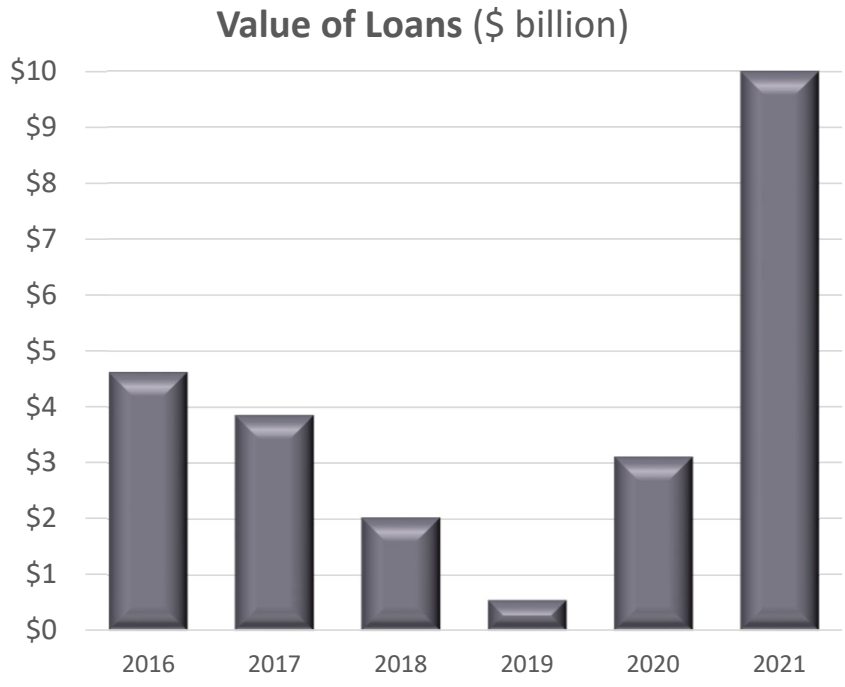
Operating Administrations

- Federal Highway Administration
- Federal Transit Administration
- Federal Railroad Administration
- Federal Aviation Administration
- Maritime Administration

  - Regional staff
  - Grant money
  - Planning, environment, construction experts

Bureau Lending Since Established





Major Bureau Programs

TIFIA

Transportation Infrastructure Finance & Innovation Act of 1998

- Surface transportation and public infrastructure
- Finance up to 33% of eligible project costs

RRIF

Railroad Rehabilitation & Improvement Financing

- Passenger, freight, and commuter rail and transit-oriented development (TOD)
- Finance up to 100% of eligible project costs

Private Activity Bonds

- State/local governments issue tax-exempt bonds
- Private entity responsible for debt service
- Can be used alone or in combination with TIFIA and RRIF

Key Features

- Long-term repayment period
  - Up to 35 years (some 75!)
  - Optional five-year deferral following completion
  - No pre-payment penalty
- Highly customizable to meet borrower needs
- Also offer loan guarantees and lines of credit

LOW INTEREST RATE

3.45%

for 35-year loan as of 9/12/22

Eligible Projects and Borrowers

TIFIA

Eligible Projects

- Roadways and bridges
- Transit vehicles & facilities
- Bicycle & pedestrian infrastructure
- Intelligent transportation systems
- Transit-oriented development
- Intermodal connectors
- Intercity rail/bus vehicles & facilities
- Commercial seaports
- Airports (New)

Eligible Projects

- State, tribal, county, municipal governments
- State Infrastructure Banks
- Private entities/developers
- Special authorities
- Transportation improvement districts

RRIF

Eligible Projects

- Freight rail facilities
- Freight transfer facilities
- Passenger rail vehicles, stations & equipment
- Transit-oriented development
- Intermodal rail equipment or facilities

Eligible Projects

- Railroads
- State and local governments
- Government-sponsored authorities and corporations
- Interstate compacts
- Joint ventures

Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Changes

TIFIA

- Loans for new types of projects including airports
- Expands transit-oriented development eligibility
- Relaxes the requirements for investment-grade ratings

RRIF

- Credit Risk Premium to be repaid to the borrower with interest when the loan is repaid
- Discretionary credit assistance $50 million per year for each fiscal year 2022 through 2026

Streamlines processing and increases transparency

Expands loan terms from 35 years to up to 75 years for projects with an estimated life of 50+ years

- **Lowering payments**
- **More than doubling loan length**

TIFIA Rural Project Initiative (RPI)

Rural: Outside urbanized area of population > 150,000

Project costs between $10 million and $100 million

TIFIA can finance up to 49 percent of eligible project costs

Fixed rate at one-half Treasury rate

DOT can cover borrower fees

ONE-HALF THE U.S. TREASURY RATE

1.73%

as of 9/12/22

Technical Assistance Programs

Build America Bureau

A component of the Office of the Undersecretary for Policy (S-3)

- Central point for lending and credit programs
- One-stop shop for finance
- Administrator and provider of technical assistance

Bureau Office of Technical Assistance for Thriving Communities

BIL Authorized TA Programs

- Rural and Tribal Infrastructure Assistance Pilot Program
- Innovative Finance Advisory Services Program
- Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program
- Other programs as requested

Appropriated TA Programs

- Thriving Communities
- Neighborhood Access and Equity Program

Technical Assistance Programs

Build America Center

$5 Million Cooperative agreement with
U of MD and four universities
Training and support to project sponsors

Regional Infrstrastructure Accelerators

$10 million, two-year demonstration program
Regional Bureau “field” offices
5 Awarded
5 Just Announced
$12 million more to come

Rural & Tribal Assistance Pilot Program

$10 million, five-year pilot program to provide rural state, local and tribal governments with technical assistance such as engineering, legal or financial expertise.

Technical Assistance Grants for Asset Concession Projects

Total of $100 million over five years to fund state and local government technical, financial, and legal advisory service costs for alternative project delivery

Build America Center

Innovative delivery, P3 and finance training
Best practices and peer to peer exchange
Improved environmental review and permitting processes

Five Prominent Universities - BAC.UMD.EDU

Accelerating local/regional project development to credit-ready status

Regional Infrastructure Accelerators and Build America Center Locations

1. San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG)
2. Pacific Northwest Economic Region (PNWER)
3. Fresno Council of Governments (Fresno COG)
4. The Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)
5. Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA)
6. Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA)
7. Dona Ana County, New Mexico
8. Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, Texas
9. Resilient SR 37 Program, CA
10. Suffolk County, NY Midway Crossing Project

- ACCELERATORS
- BUILD AMERICA CENTER LOCATIONS AND REGIONS
- WEST
- SOUTHWEST
- MIDWEST
- NORTHEAST
- NATIONWIDE AND REGIONS

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