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## HISTORIC \$1.2 TRILLION INFRASTRUCTURE DEAL PASSES

The bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) is a once-in-a-generation investment in our infrastructure and global competitiveness

President Biden signed the IIJA on November 15, 2021 marking the largest investment in the nation's infrastructure since the creation of the Federal Interstate Highway System, under the Eisenhower Administration some 60 years earlier.

This historic investment provides a critical boost for the nation's construction industry, injecting over \$1 trillion to restore roads and bridges, extend our transit systems, expand access to clean drinking water and ensure access to high-speed broadband internet. The new law will create hundreds of thousands of family-supporting union jobs for the men and women of LIUNA and their signatory Union contractor employers. The Federal Davis-Bacon Act (Prevailing Wages) will apply to most of the IIJA funding, leveling the playing field for signatory Union Contractors and LIUNA members.

Laborers International Union of North America (LIUNA) General President Terry O'Sullivan was honored to be a part of the signing ceremony at the White House. "With the President's signature, the United States commits to the single greatest infrastructure investment in generations to restore our roads

and bridges, our water systems, transit, and broadband," said O'Sullivan. "The investment will put Laborers to work in every community, revitalize our nation's economy, and open doors to the middle-class for hundreds of thousands of working men and women."

**"This legislation is the single greatest jobs-creating infrastructure investment in generations,"**

– Terry O'Sullivan  
LIUNA General President

The collaboration and cooperation from both parties on this historic legislation is both a testament to the importance of infrastructure and an encouraging sign that lawmakers and the President can work together on issues vital to the American people. LIUNA looks forward to working with the White House on the rollout of the infrastructure bill, the *Build Back Better* Agenda, and the creation of good union jobs building our nation.



LIUNA Members and Signatory Contractors are the Infrastructure experts. SouthWest Light Rail Transit Project, 2021 - Minnesota LECET

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# 2022 CONSTRUCTION OUTLOOK REMAINS STRONG

Reports coming in from leading national construction industry economists are sending positive vibes for the construction industry with an expected overall gain of 6% nationally forecasted for 2022.

Leading the way are commercial starts (up 15%), retail (up 14%), warehouse construction (up 24%) and health care construction expected to see an 8% increase this year. For Infrastructure and non-building construction forecasts, the passage of the infrastructure bill will yield to an initial projected 6% increase this year with more to come as projects come on line in years 2-5.

Residential startups in single family and multifamily housing are expected to flatten, yet see small increases in 2022. Other market sectors expected to flatten are the hotel sector and the education sector.



The Minnesota Department of Transportation (MNDOT) 2022 Construction Outlook for 2022 looks positive for projects and jobs building and maintaining roads and bridges.

Concerns for the construction industry continue to be with the Covid-19 virus, labor markets, building materials and material pricing, fuel and oil pricing and the supply chain. Economist believe that

getting materials produced and to the jobsites will continue to affect the construction industry and new construction starts.

Locally, the Associated General Contractors of Minnesota reports general optimism going forward among contractors from their 2021 Minnesota Construction Industry Assessment survey. Nearly 80% of the contractors are forecasting either unchanged or improved market conditions for 2022. North Dakota construction looks optimistic once again with economic trends looking positive.

Construction is a major contributor to the US Economy through the creation and building of \$1.4 trillion worth of structures each year. LIUNA Minnesota & North Dakota and signatory Union contractors make a significant positive impact to both state's economies through their proven track record of building high quality, long-lasting projects and creating good family-supporting Union wage jobs that have full benefits.

## WELCOME NEW CONTRACTORS!

- M M Miller Brothers Excavating, Inc.
- Michels Construction Inc

- Michels Road & Stone Inc
- Olsen Trenching

- Sarah's Hydro Vac

## LECET Mission

The Minnesota Laborers-Employers Cooperation & Education Trust (LECET) fund was created in 1992 as a non-profit joint Labor/Management cooperation effort affiliated with the Minnesota Laborers Union. LECET aims to promote the many benefits of Union construction while addressing a number of initiatives that are of mutual benefit to both signatory Union Contractors and LiUNA members.

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# LABORERS TRAINING CENTER HOSTS LIUNA CAREER FAIR WITH UNION CONTRACTORS

On Saturday, December 11, over 50 interested career seekers attended the first ever stand-alone LIUNA Career Fair, held at the Laborers Training Center (LTC) in Lino Lakes.

LIUNA Minnesota & North Dakota has been involved in hundreds of career events over the past five years making connections with thousands of potential construction career candidates, but this career fair was the first featuring just the Laborers craft and Union Signatory Contractors at the LTC.

A unique factor for this career fair was the invitation of a handful of Union Signatory Contractors representing a variety of construction markets to provide hiring information at the career fair, alongside LIUNA. A special thank you is in order for these contractors donating their time and talents: **Advanced Masonry Restoration, Ames Construction, Bituminous Roadways Inc, Carl Bolander & Sons, Mavo Systems, McGough, PCL Construction and Ryan Companies US.**

"We really appreciate events like the career fair to strengthen our industry," said Gabby Forstner, Business Development and Marketing Manager of Mavo Systems. "In these uncertain times, it's great to show people there are unconventional options for their future with unlimited growth potential!"

LECET and LIUNA continue to make a strong push in engaging the next generation workforce through events like these and by special advertising and targeted promotions with the Minnesota State High School league (via Hubbard Broadcasting), tv, radio, social and digital media channels.



# MINNESOTA BENEFITS FROM NEW INFRASTRUCTURE LAW

The new Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) will make life better for millions of Minnesota residents, create a generation of good-paying union jobs, stimulate economic growth, and position the United States to win the 21st century. The IIJA invests approximately \$6.8 billion in Minnesota's critical infrastructure including major investments in the following areas:

## **TRANSPORTATION ROADS & BRIDGES: \$4.8 billion**

Minnesota will receive \$4.5 billion for federal-aid highway apportioned programs and another \$302 for bridge replacement over five years. This funding will repair and rebuild our roads and bridges with a focus on climate change mitigation, resilience, equity, and safety for all users, including cyclists and pedestrians.

## **PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION: \$818 million**

Minnesota will receive \$818 million over five years for public transportation projects across the state including significant investments in bus and rail lines.

## **ELECTRIC VEHICLE NETWORK: \$68 million**

Minnesota will receive \$68 million over five years to support the expansion of an EV charging network in the state. Minnesota will also have the opportunity to apply for specific grants from a \$2.5 billion competitive project fund allocation in the bill. The investment is part of a national plan to build the nation's first – ever network of EV chargers to facilitate long-distance travel and provide convenient charging options.

## **BROADBAND CONNECTIVITY: \$100 million**

Minnesota will receive a minimum allocation of \$100 million to help provide broadband coverage across the state, including providing access to the at least 83,000 Minnesotans who currently lack it. Under the IIJA, 1,071,000 or 18.9% of people in Minnesota will be eligible for the Affordability Connectivity Benefit, which will help low-income families afford internet access.

## **CLIMATE & CYBER SECURITY: \$37 million**

Minnesota will receive \$20 million over five years to protect against wildfires and extreme weather events. We will receive an additional \$17 million to protect against cyberattacks. Minnesotans will also benefit from the bill's historic \$3.5 billion national investment in weatherization programs aimed at reducing energy costs for families.

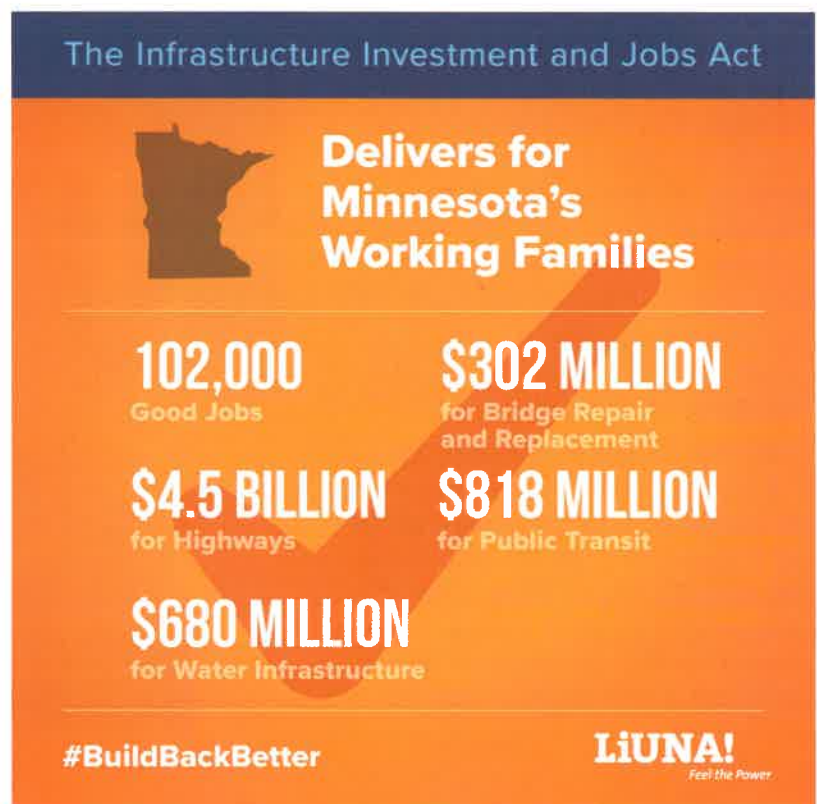
## **CLEAN WATER: \$680 million**

Minnesota will receive \$680 million over five years to improve water infrastructure across the state and to ensure that clean, safe drinking water is a right in all communities. The investment will upgrade systems and replace lead service lines and pipes.

## **AVIATION: \$297 million**

Minnesota will receive approximately \$297 million for infrastructure development for airports over five years to make improvements and modernizations across the state.

The Federal Davis-Bacon Act (Prevailing Wages) covers most IIJA funding work ensuring a level playing field for signatory contractors and family-supporting wages. We encourage contractors to prepare now for upcoming IIJA related work opportunities.





# NORTH DAKOTA BENEFITS FROM NEW INFRASTRUCTURE LAW

The historic Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) will make life better for hundreds of thousands of North Dakota residents, create a generation of good-paying union jobs and economic growth, and position the United States to win the 21st century. The IIJA invests approximately \$2.64 billion in infrastructure including:

## TRANSPORTATION ROADS & BRIDGES: \$1.925 billion

North Dakota would expect to receive \$1.7 billion for federal-aid highway apportioned programs and \$225 million for bridge replacement and repairs under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act over five years. This funding will work to Repair and rebuild our roads and bridges with a focus on climate change mitigation, resilience, equity, and safety for all users, including cyclists and pedestrians.

## PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION: \$109 million

North Dakota would expect to receive \$109 million over five years under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act to improve public transportation options across the state.

## ELECTRIC VEHICLE NETWORK: \$26 million

North Dakota would expect to receive \$26 million over five years to support the expansion of an EV charging network in the state. North Dakota will also have the opportunity to apply for the \$2.5 billion in grant funding dedicated to EV charging in the bill. The investment is part of a national plan to build the nation's first – ever network of EV chargers to facilitate long-distance travel and provide convenient charging options.

## BROADBAND CONNECTIVITY: \$100 million

North Dakota will receive a minimum allocation of \$100 million to help provide broadband coverage across the state, including providing access to the at least 19,800 North Dakotans who currently lack it. And, under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, 159,000 or 21% of people in North Dakota will be eligible for the Affordability Connectivity Benefit, which will help low-income families afford internet access.

## CLIMATE & CYBER SECURITY: \$32 million

North Dakota will expect to receive \$21 million over five years to protect against wildfires and extreme weather events plus another \$11 million to protect against cyberattacks. North Dakotans will also benefit from the bill's historic \$3.5 billion national investment in weatherization which will reduce energy costs for families.

## CLEAN WATER: \$355 million

North Dakota will expect to receive \$355 million over five years to improve water infrastructure across the state and ensure that clean, safe drinking water is a right in all communities. The investment will upgrade systems and replace lead service lines and pipes.

## AVIATION: \$94 million

North Dakota would receive approximately \$94 million for infrastructure development for airports over five years to make improvements and modernizations across the state.

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# LABORERS FAMILY CLINICS WITH 3 LOCATIONS.

## ZERO COST!

### EAGAN CLINIC

1519 Central Parkway Suite 110  
Eagan, MN 55121

#### HOURS

Mon, Wed, Fri-8:30am to 5:00pm  
Tues, Thurs-9:30am to 6:00pm  
Saturday-8:00am to 11:30am  
Sunday-Closed

### HUGO CLINIC

14665 Mercantile Drive N.  
Hugo, MN 55038

#### HOURS

Mon, Wed, Fri-9:30am to 6:00pm  
Tues, Thurs-8:30am to 5:00pm  
Saturday & Sunday-Closed

### ROGERS CLINIC

13785 Rogers Dr.  
Rogers, MN 55374

#### HOURS

Mon, Wed, Fri-8:30am to 5:00pm  
Tues, Thurs-9:30am to 6:00pm  
Saturday-8:00am to 11:30am  
Sunday-Closed

**MN Laborers Health and Wellness Clinics are available for your FAMILY! Below is many of the primary care and specialty care services we offer:**

- Preventative Care • Chronic Condition Management
- Lab Tests • Cold and Flu • Seasonal Allergies • Sinus Infections
- Strep Throat • Ear Infections • Minor Injuries • Immunizations
- Sexual Health • Gastro-Intestinal Issues • Common Prescriptions

**MAKE AN APPOINTMENT BY PHONE**  
Once your HealthPartners account is set up, all future appointments can be scheduled online at: [healthpartners.com/appointment](http://healthpartners.com/appointment)

**952-687-8100**

# Covid-19

**Booster Shots  
Now Available!**



# GET YOUR VACCINE TODAY!

## ULTIMATE PROTECTION FOR YOUR FAMILY AND CO-WORKERS.

Scheduling is now available for COVID-19 vaccine appointments at the Minnesota Laborers Health & Wellness Clinics. Vaccines will be available on Mondays and Thursdays for eligible fund participants and their dependents age 12 and older.

### APPOINTMENT SCHEDULING OPEN.

Your Minnesota Laborers Health & Wellness Clinic will have the Pfizer vaccine available. For more information about COVID-19 vaccines, visit [healthpartners.com/vaccine](http://healthpartners.com/vaccine).

If you are a **new patient** please call 952-687-8100 to set up your HealthPartners account and schedule your first appointment. If you are a **returning patient**, you can schedule your vaccine and all other appointments online at [healthpartners.com/appointment](http://healthpartners.com/appointment)

### MAKE AN APPOINTMENT TODAY!

### TO SCHEDULE ONLINE:

1. Visit [healthpartners.com/appointment](http://healthpartners.com/appointment) and log onto your HealthPartners account.
2. Select Primary care as your visit type.
3. Answer the questions about your visit - including if you want a phone or video visit.
4. Your Minnesota Laborers Health & Wellness Clinic will be listed under search by location.



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## SAFETY DRIVEN | THE POWER OF PARTNERSHIP

3rd Quarter 2021 Safety Driven Quarterly Award Winners

LABORER	CONTRACTOR	LABORER	CONTRACTOR
Leah Presler	Ames Construction Inc	Rick Bourdeau	J M F Construction Inc
Russell Reiter	Atlas Foundation Company	Tanner Casey	Jorgenson Construction Inc
Bruce Hinkemeyer	C & L Excavating Inc	Daniel Antilla	Kellington Construction Inc
Lane Watne	Charps Llc	Justin Birkholz	Kraus Anderson
Travis Holm	Custom Drywall Inc	Joshua Junker	Kuechle Underground Inc
Kyle Klinski	Darold Berger Masonry Inc	Nickolas Schlusser	Restoration Systems Inc
Rudy Hansen	Donlar Construction Company	Mario Chirinos Rodriguez	Rice Lake Construction Group
Andy Dahler	Global Specialty Contractors Inc	Christopher Wojciechowski	Rjm Construction
Kyle Bushelle	Gustafson & Goudge Inc	Cody Leibold	S R Weidema Inc
Dylan Becker	Hammerlund Construction	Cheyenne Losey	The Boldt Company

All winners receive their choice of a Quarterly Award prize and have been nominated by Union Contractors in accordance with the LECET Safety Driven Program rules.

### APPRENTICE OF THE MONTH AWARDS

**October**

**Troy Rees**

**November**

**Andres Lugo**

**December**

**Lorenzo Rodriguez**

*Note: Students are reminded that all day classes begin at 7:00 am at the LTC. Trainees must come to class dressed as if they were reporting to work at a construction site. This includes appropriate work boots, long pants and shirt. Failure to do so can result in being asked to leave and to reschedule the class at a later date.*

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**Due to concerns over COVID-19, please visit the LTC website at [www.LTCMN.org](http://www.LTCMN.org) to verify all classes.**

#### January 31, 2022

Fall Protection - Fargo, ND	Feb 03
Lead Worker Refresher	Feb 03
Intro to Union & Apprenticeship Program - Fargo, ND	Feb 03
Asbestos Supervisor Refresher	Feb 04
Asbestos Supervisor Refresher - Moorhead, MN	Feb 04
Lead Supervisor Refresher - Moorhead, MN	Feb 05

#### February 07, 2022

Asbestos Worker Initial	Feb 07-10
Blueprint Reading	Feb 07-11
Concrete Practices/Insulated Forms	Feb 07-11
Heavy Highway Skills/MnDOT Flag - Virginia, MN	Feb 07-11
Heavy Highway Skills/MnDOT Flag	Feb 07-11
Pipelining 1	Feb 07-11
Safety Week/OSHA 30/CPR First Aid	Feb 07-11
Torch Cutting Demo Safety	Feb 07-08
Welding/Torch Cutting Air Arc	Feb 07-Mar 11
Rigging & Signaling Qualified - 24 Hr	Feb 09-11
Intro to Union & Apprenticeship Program - Virginia, MN	Feb 10
Asbestos Worker Refresher	Feb 11
Mine Safety & Health Admin - Virginia, MN	Feb 12

#### February 14, 2022

Blueprint Reading - Mankato, MN	Feb 14-18
Blueprint Reading	Feb 14-24
Flagging/MnDOT - Duluth, MN	Feb 14
General Construction/Flagging/Pro-10	Feb 14-18
Hazardous Waste Initial	Feb 14-18
Line & Grade	Feb 14-18
Mason Tending	Feb 14-18
Plumbing Code - Duluth, MN	Feb 14
Safety Week/OSHA 30/CPR First Aid - Rochester, MN	Feb 14-18
Safety Week/OSHA 30/CPR First Aid	Feb 14-18
CPR/First Aid - Duluth, MN	Feb 15
Excavation Confined Space - Duluth, MN	Feb 16
Plumbing Code - Mankato, MN	Feb 16

Hazardous Waste Refresher - Duluth, MN	Feb 17
Intro to Union & Apprenticeship Program	Feb 17
Intro to Union & Apprenticeship Program - Online Training	Feb 17
Intro to Union & Apprenticeship Program - Rochester, MN	Feb 17
Intro to Union & Apprenticeship Program - Mankato, MN	Feb 17
Asbestos Supervisor Refresher - Superior, WI	Feb 18
Mine Safety & Health Admin - Duluth, MN	Feb 19

#### February 21, 2022

CPR/First Aid	Feb 21
Excavation Confined Space - St. Cloud, MN	Feb 21
General Construction/Flagging/Pro-10	Feb 21-25
Infection Control Risk Assessment (ICRA)	Feb 21-22
Pipelining 2	Feb 21-25
Safety Week/OSHA 30/CPR First Aid	Feb 21-25
Scaffold Erecting Competent Person	Feb 21-25
Excavation Confined Space	Feb 22
Hazardous Waste Refresher - St. Cloud, MN	Feb 22
Air Sampling	Feb 23-24
CPR/First Aid - St. Cloud, MN	Feb 23
Hazardous Waste Refresher	Feb 23
Fall Protection	Feb 24
Mine Safety & Health Admin - St. Cloud, MN	Feb 24
Aerial Lift Training	Feb 25
Flagging/MnDOT - St. Cloud, MN	Feb 25
Plumbing Code - St. Cloud, MN	Feb 25

#### February 28, 2022

General Construction/Flagging/Pro-101	Feb 28-Mar 04
Heavy Highway Skills/MnDOT Flag	Feb 28-Mar 10
Lead Supervisor Initial	Feb 28-Mar 03
Line & Grade	Feb 28-Mar 04
Mine Safety & Health Admin/CPRFA	Feb 28-Mar 02
Pipeline Technology/MnDOT Flagging	Feb 28-Mar 04
Plaster Tending	Feb 28-Mar 04
Safety Week/OSHA 30/CPR First Aid	Feb 28-Mar 04
Mine Safety & Health Admin	Mar 03
Asbestos Worker Refresher	Mar 04
Lead Supervisor Refresher	Mar 04
Mine Safety & Health Admin - Grand Rapids, MN	Mar 05

## PREVENT COLD STRESS ON THE JOB THIS WINTER

In Minnesota and North Dakota, LIUNA members and Union contractors are generally well prepared to work in all weather conditions. Preparation has always been the key and it is crucial as we work in extreme cold weather elements.

### EMPLOYER TIPS FOR COLD WEATHER:

- Monitor workers' physical condition, looking out for signs of cold stress.
- Schedule breaks in warm, dry areas.
- Monitor the weather and try to schedule work during the warmest part of the day.

- When possible, use heaters to regulate worksite temperature.
- Implement the buddy system and train workers on common signs and symptoms of cold stress (e.g., shivering, confusion, slurred speech, heart rate/breathing slow, loss of consciousness).

- Monitor jobsites throughout the day for ice and snow conditions

### WORKERS TIPS FOR WORKING IN WINTER CONDITIONS:

- Dress in layers. The first two layers should be wool, silk or synthetic to keep moisture away from the body

and provide insulation. The outer layer should provide wind and rain protection and allow ventilation to prevent overheating.

- Avoid tight clothing, as it reduces blood circulation to vulnerable extremities like fingers and toes.
- Wear a hat that covers the ears, insulated gloves and insulated, waterproof work boots with good traction.

- Keep extra clothing handy in case you get wet and need to change.

For more information, visit the Laborers Health & Safety Fund of North America. [www.LHSFNA.org](http://www.LHSFNA.org)



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## LIUNA MINNESOTA DELIVERS OVER 40,000 MEALS

In record fashion, LIUNA Minnesota & North Dakota far eclipsed other previous food donation levels in the past with donations throughout the state. With 41,678 meals generated during this holiday season, that brings the total to over 125,000 meals donated since 2010.

The large increase of food donations this year can be attributed to the raising of over \$11,000 in cash which greatly aids the food shelves who then use the dollars to purchase perishable food items: fruits, milk, meat, bread. Included in this was a significant contribution of \$2,500

from Local 563 to Second Harvest Heartland.

Donations went to the following food shelf distribution

groups: The Food Group Twin Cities, Second Harvest Food Banks, CHUM in Duluth, Channel 1 Food Bank in Rochester, Bemidji Food Shelf, Grand Rapids Food Shelf, Salvation Army Virginia and Quad City Food Shelf.

Thank you to Zenith American Solutions, LIUNA Minnesota and the Laborers Training Center Staff and LIUNA member Trainees who contributed greatly to the effort along with LIUNA Locals 405, 563, 1091 and 1097.

