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Bipartisan Infrastructure Framework Will Address Barriers Communities of Color Face to Economic Opportunity

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Creates Hundreds of Thousands of Good Union Jobs

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Delivers High Speed Internet to Every American Household

There is a stark digital divide in America. Black families are 9% less likely to have high-speed internet than their white peers, and Latino Americans are 15% less likely. About 35% of individuals living on Tribal lands lack access to broadband service. And although studies suggest high levels of digital access for Asian Americans, these studies are often limited in scope and don't identify key inequities.

The Framework invests \$65 billion to make high-speed broadband available to all Americans, to bring down high-speed internet prices across the board, and to close the digital divide.

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In addition to achieving President Biden's goal of connecting every American to reliable high-speed internet, the Framework will drive down prices for internet service and close the digital divide by making broadband more affordable, including in low-income communities and communities of color.

Eliminates Lead Pipes and Delivers Clean Drinking Water to Every Household

Across the country, pipes and treatment plants are aging and polluted drinking water is endangering public health. There are up to 10 million homes with lead service lines and pipes. Children in up to 400,000 schools and child care facilities are at risk of exposure to lead.

Across the country, families of color are at the highest risk for lead exposure at home and in schools. Communities of color in cities like Chicago, Milwaukee, and Newark are also at particular risk. For kids, higher exposure to lead can negatively affect academic performance, and can lead to cardiovascular disease later in life. By some estimates, each lead service line replaced at a cost of \$5,000 per line leads to \$22,000 in health savings.

The Framework makes the largest investment in clean drinking water in American history, replacing all of the nation's lead pipes and service lines.

Invests in More Public Transit Options and Addresses the Backlog of Repairs

African American workers commute by public transit at nearly 4 times the rate of white workers. For example, low-wage Black residents in Chicago spend 70 additional minutes commuting to work than their white peers. In New York City, the average Black resident spends 110 minutes more per week commuting to work than the average white resident.

The Framework's historic investment in public transit—the largest federal investment in history—will reduce commute times and create more economic opportunities in communities of color.

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Framework invests \$48.5 billion to modernize transit, and improve accessibility for older Americans and people with disabilities. It will clear the backlog in public transit repairs, and build new transit. It will replace thousands of transit vehicles, including buses, with clean, zero emission vehicles.

These investments will yield significant returns for communities of color. Investments in public transit help people get better jobs and higher wages, and raise economic growth and productivity. One study found that a metropolitan area's 10 percent increase in transit seats or rail service miles per capita is associated with up to \$1.8 billion per year in increased wages. Another study found that improved transit access increases labor force participation.

Creates a First-Ever Program to Reconnect Communities Divided by Inequitable Transportation Infrastructure

Significant portions of the interstate highway system were built through Black neighborhoods, destroying homes, schools, churches, and parks and causing lasting disconnection and disinvestment for residents who stayed. More broadly, historic investments in transportation infrastructure, especially highway construction, cut too many Americans off from opportunity, dividing and demolishing communities, and perpetuating economic and racial injustices. The Framework creates a first-ever program to reconnect communities divided by transportation infrastructure. The program will fund planning, design, demolition, and reconstruction of street grids, parks, or other infrastructure. This is in addition to other major grant programs that could fund elements of these projects.

Safeguards Communities of Color from Climate Crises and Extreme Weather Risks

People of color are more likely to live in areas most vulnerable to flooding and other climate change-related weather events. For example, in the wake of Hurricane Harvey, Black and Hispanic residents were twice as likely to report lost income.

The Framework invests \$52 billion in helping communities build resilience to wildfires and floods through investments in forest management and upgrades to critical infrastructure—like elevating buildings, roads, and bridges, hardening physical infrastructure, and winterizing the power grid. And, it will fund state and local infrastructure improvements and emergency response strategies, such as planning grants to support development of evacuation routes or upgrading community shelters. The Framework will also make it easier for low-income families to buy flood insurance.