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Minnesota County Engineers Association

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NACE UPDATE

- Legislative
- Strategic Planning
- Conferences

NACE Legislative Priorities

- Permit and Approval Process Streamlining
- Increased Federal Funding for Locals
- More Opportunities for Direct Funding
- Surface Transportation Reauthorization
- Infrastructure Spending Bill
- Safety



THE INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT & JOBS PLAN

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) provides \$973 billion over five years from FY 2022 through FY 2026, including \$550 billion in new investments for all modes of transportation, water, power and energy, environmental remediation, public lands, broadband and resilience.

Above baseline investments for sectors addressed in IIJA include:

Transportation: \$284 billion

Water: \$55 billion

Broadband: \$65 billion

Energy & Power: \$73 billion

Environmental remediation: \$21 billion

Western water infrastructure: \$8.3 billion

Resiliency: \$46 billion

Funding Available to a Range of Recipients

Program Examples	State	MPO	Local	Tribe	PA*	Territory	FLMA*
Apportioned programs (formula)	✓						
Bridge Program (formula)	✓			✓			
National Electric Vehicle Formula Program	✓		✓				
Safe Streets and Roads for All program		✓	✓	✓			
PROTECT Grants (discretionary)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Program	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Congestion Relief Program	✓	✓	✓				
Bridge Investment Program (discretionary)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Rural Surface Transportation Grants	✓		✓	✓			
INFRA	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Nat'l Infra. Project Assistance	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Local and Regional Project Assistance	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	

THE INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS & JOBS ACT

Major Provisions for Counties

- Creates a new, \$40 billion Bridge Investment Program that off-system bridges would be eligible for to repair, replace and rehabilitate the nation's bridges
- Codifies elements of the Trump Administration's "One Federal Decision" that would require one federal agency to be responsible for issuing a decision resulting from a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review, among other reforms, such as limiting the allowable number of pages for a decision
- Increases project cost thresholds for categorical exclusions, thereby making more projects eligible for streamlining (small projects 5 to 6 mil, large projects 30-35 mil)
- Increases Off-System bridge set-aside from 15 to 20 percent (LWC become eligible)
- New Rural Surface Transportation Grant Program (2 billion over 5 years) for road and bridge projects that increase connectivity, improve safety and facilitate movement of goods and people.

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Major Provisions for Counties Cont...

- 2.5 Billion in Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Grants
- 5 Billion to Enhance Resiliency of the Electrical Grid Due to Inclement Weather and Natural Disasters
- 5.5 Billion Wildfire Risk Mitigation
- 1 Billion for NEW Culvert Removal, Replacement and Restoration Grant Program
- Establishes a new competitive grant program for local governments to address and eliminate at-grade rail crossings
- Increases State incentive payment cap to local agencies to \$100,000 from \$7,500 for at grade RR crossing (section 130 program)
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FUTURE NACE CONFERENCES:



2022: Buffalo/Niagara Falls, NY (April 24-27)

2023: Orange Beach, AL

2024: Palm Springs, CA

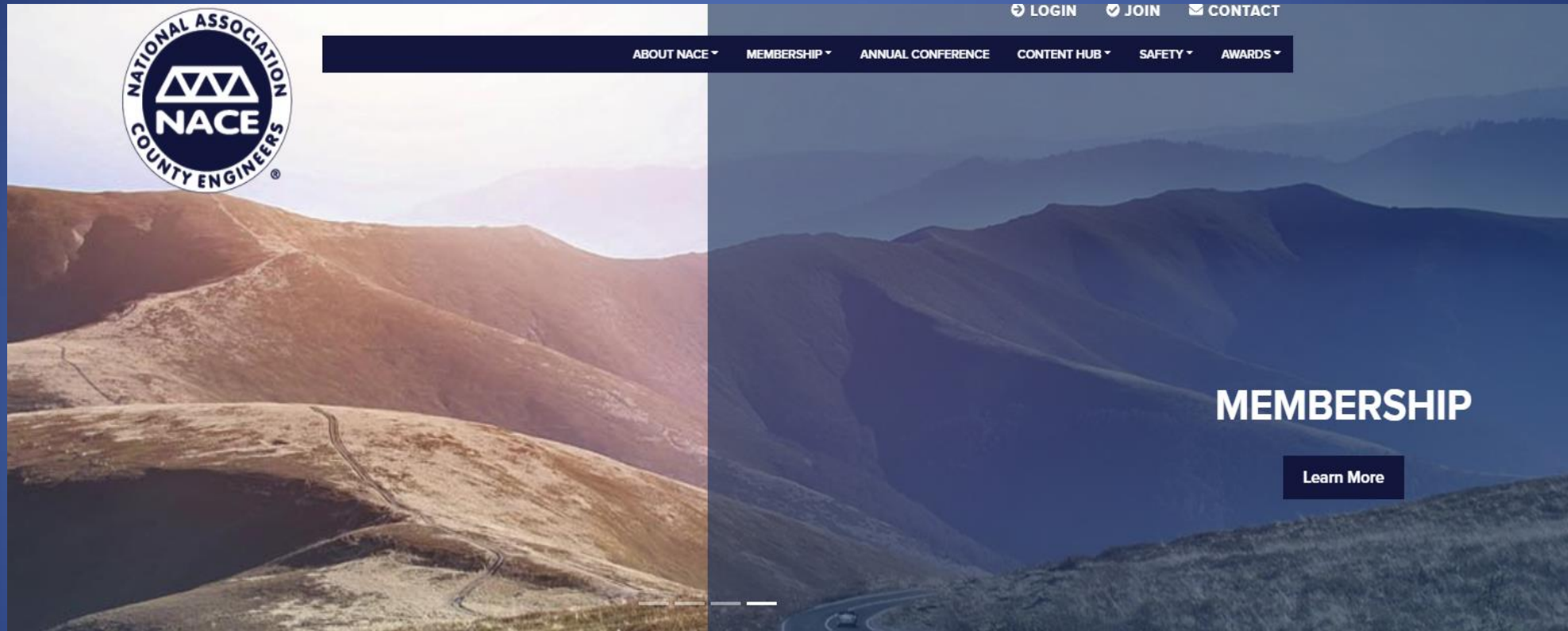
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