



**GREAT LAKES AND ST. LAWRENCE**  
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## Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative supports Federal Highway Administration bridge program

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CHICAGO, January 14, 2022 – The Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative today announced its support for the Federal Highway Administration’s launching of the largest bridge formula program in American history, made possible by the passage of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

“For decades, our bridges have suffered from a systemic lack of investment,” said Mayor Billy McKinney of Zion, Illinois. “This program represents the largest investment ever made to fix bridges – dedicating \$26.5 billion to states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico over the five years of the law. The total amount that will be available in Fiscal Year 2022 is \$5.3 billion.”

“Nationwide, the Bridge Formula Program is expected to help improve as many as 15,000 highway bridges,” said Walter Sendzik, Chair of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative. “This strategic infrastructure investment will help our Great Lakes coastal communities ensure that our bridges are not only safe, but are built to protect the environmental integrity of our coast lines.”

### **About The Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative**

The Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative is a binational coalition of U.S. and Canadian mayors from more than 200 cities and municipalities working to advance the protection and restoration of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River. The Cities Initiative and local officials integrate environmental, economic and social agendas to sustain a resource that represents approximately 80% of North America's surface freshwater supply, provides drinking water for 40 million people, and is the foundation upon which a strong regional economy is based.

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