

STATE OF UTAH

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Billions of dollars are expected to come to Utah through the Infrastructure Investments and Jobs Act (IIJA) over the next five years. This is a generational opportunity for Utah to make lasting investments to the infrastructure that will carry us through the next century. Funded programs span from transportation, to energy, water, broadband, public lands, environmental remediation, and resiliency.

Because so many state agencies are affected by the infrastructure bill, the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget (GOPB) has been asked to coordinate the state's overall efforts to implement the IIJA.

Agency Role

The majority of IIJA funding will come through existing programs and formulas. We do not anticipate the need to create significant new processes for managing the IIJA. We envision that agencies will:

- Continue to utilize existing administrative structures to receive and implement funding from the programs included in the IIJA
- Continue to coordinate with community partners and stakeholders on grant proposals and project implementation
- Participate in inter-agency infrastructure implementation coordination efforts to:
 - Enhance visibility into the activities of each respective area and to understand challenges, opportunities, and needs of each
 - Help track and communicate how IIJA funds are being used in the state

GOPB Role

GOPB's role will be one of facilitation, connection and communication. We will work to:

- Ensure integration of any federal funds into the state's budgeting processes
- Maintain an implementation dashboard to track the state's overall approach and progress in applying for the competitive opportunities within the IIJA
- Track how IIJA funding intersects with implementation of other federal funding such as CARES and ARPA
- Facilitate communication and reporting efforts across state agencies
- Encourage cross-integration of tribal and public and private partnerships
- Facilitate a communication channel with our federal delegation to help us work through challenges and keep them informed on how IIJA funds are being utilized in the state

GOPB Executive Director, Sophia DiCaro (sophiadicaro@utah.gov) will oversee all IIJA activities.

GOPB Managing Director of Budget & Operations, Duncan Evans (devans@utah.gov, 801-538-1592) will ensure all new or increased funding to the state is incorporated into the state's budgeting process.

The **State Planning Coordinator, Laura Hanson** (laurahanson@utah.gov, 801-589-8479) will fill the role of the Infrastructure Implementation Coordinator.

The state's **Federal Assistance Management Officer, Brad Newbold** (bnewbold@utah.gov, 385-602-3082) will provide additional coordination support.