

ICYMI: Adams to Host Virtual Coffee on the Build Back Better Agenda - Nov. 10 @ 11 AM



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Adams to Host Virtual Coffee on Her Votes to Create Millions of New Jobs with the Build Back Better Agenda

CHARLOTTE – On Wednesday, November 10 at 11:00 AM ET, **Congresswoman Alma Adams (NC-12)** will host a virtual coffee on Zoom to speak with the public about her votes to pass the *Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act* and advance the *Build Back Better Act*. The event is open to the public.

WHO: Congresswoman Adams & Staff, Constituents

WHAT: Virtual Coffee with Congresswoman Alma Adams on the Build Back Better Agenda

WHERE: Zoom, [registration link here](#)

WHEN: Wednesday November 10, 11:00 AM ET

[Please RSVP using this link.](#)

Late Friday night, **Congresswoman Adams** voted to create millions of good-paying jobs with a once-in-a-century investment in rebuilding infrastructure in North Carolina, including roads and bridges; transit;

rail; clean drinking water and wastewater systems; and high-speed broadband networks. The bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act will repair and modernize crumbling and outdated infrastructure across the nation, ensuring all American communities have the infrastructure to succeed in the 21st Century economy and ending bottlenecks that add needless delays and costs for businesses bringing products to market and families traveling to school or work.

“This past weekend, I voted to pass the *Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act* and advance the *Build Back Better Act*. These votes will create jobs, improve our infrastructure, and set the stage for Democrats to make a solid investment in the future of our families and our recovery from COVID-19,” **said Rep. Adams**. “The bipartisan *Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act* will invest in infrastructure and create jobs. These investments include improving and expanding the Charlotte Area Transportation System and Lynx Light Rail, and providing all CMS students with the broadband connection they need to succeed.”

“From paid family leave and Universal Pre-K to investments in maternal health and higher education, the Build Back Better Act is an investment in our families. Parents will save thousands of dollars per year on child care and receive an extension of the Child Tax Credit tax cut. I look forward to voting for final passage of the Build Back Better Act, which will make robust investments in HBCUs and MSIs, expand the safety net for working families, and make a historic investment in fighting climate change. The American people are counting on us to act **now**,” **concluded Adams**.

Together, the bipartisan infrastructure bill and the Build Back Better Act are estimated to create an average of 2 million jobs each year over the next decade.

In the wake of the pandemic, poor infrastructure has struggled to keep up with a sharp increase in consumer demand – resulting in added costs for businesses and delays for consumers. The United States ranks 13th globally in terms of the quality of our infrastructure, and the American Society of Civil Engineers gave the condition of our infrastructure a C-. As the economy continues its strong recovery, President Biden and the Congress are seizing this historic moment to Build Back Better: improving infrastructure in every state in the union, growing the economy and helping Americans get back to work, while advancing justice and opportunity for all.

This Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill will:

- **Rebuild roads and bridges nationwide**, including the largest bridge investment since the construction of the interstate highway system seven decades ago;
- **Deliver clean drinking water** to ten million families and more than 400,000 schools and child care facilities nationwide with the largest-ever investment in American water infrastructure to

- replace lead pipes and service lines across the nation;
- **Help clean up legacy pollution**, which is an important step in advancing environmental justice;
- **Expand access to reliable high-speed internet** to help more families get online to work and learn;
- **Make historic improvements to public transit**, with the largest federal investment in American history and the largest federal investment in passenger rail since the creation of Amtrak; and
- **Support action to address the climate crisis**, making down-payments on clean energy transmission, a clean and resilient electric grid, electric vehicle infrastructure and more.

In North Carolina, the *Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act* 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.** In North there are 1,460 bridges and over 3,116 miles of highway in poor condition. Since 2011, commute times have increased by 10.7% in North Carolina, and on average, each driver pays \$500 per year in costs due to driving on roads in need of repair. The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act is the single largest dedicated bridge investment since the construction of the interstate highway system. Based on formula funding alone, **North Carolina would expect to receive \$7.2 billion for federal-aid highway apportioned programs and \$457 million for bridge replacement and repairs under the *Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act* over five years.**
 - North Carolina can also compete for the \$12.5 billion Bridge Investment Program for economically significant bridges and nearly \$16 billion of national funding in the bill dedicated for major projects that will deliver substantial economic benefits to communities.
- **Improve healthy, sustainable transportation options for millions of Americans.** North Carolinians who take public transportation spend an extra 59.9% of their time commuting and non-White households are 3.4 times more likely to commute via public transportation. 15% of transit vehicles in the state are past useful life. Based on formula funding alone, **North Carolina would expect to receive \$911 million over five years under the *Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act* to improve public transportation options across the state.**
- **Build a network of EV chargers to facilitate long-distance travel and provide convenient charging options.** The U.S.

market share of plug-in electric vehicle (EV) sales is only one-third the size of the Chinese EV market. The President believes that must change. The bill invests \$7.5 billion to build out the first-ever national network of EV charging stations.

“Our nation’s crumbling and outdated infrastructure weakens our economy, hurts families, and causes added costs and delays for American businesses bringing their goods to market,” **said Rep. Adams.** “Democrats are delivering a transformational and bipartisan infrastructure bill that will create good-paying jobs here in North Carolina, strengthen our economy, secure cleaner air and water, and make our communities a better place to live and work by bringing our infrastructure into the 21st century.”

The *Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act* now goes to President Biden’s desk to be signed into law.

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