

Alma Adams' Holiday Newsletter



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Dear Friends,

In November, after months of hard work, we passed the *Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act*, which was signed into law by President Biden.

The bill will make an important investment in infrastructure in North Carolina, including an estimated \$911 million for public transportation. Our roads, bridges and water systems are crumbling, our electric grid is vulnerable to catastrophic outages, and too many of our neighbors lack access to affordable, high-speed Internet and quality, affordable housing. We need to rebuild America's infrastructure, create good-paying jobs, and grow the middle class.

During this season of giving thanks, I'm grateful for the opportunity to represent you, and I'm honored to fight for you and your family in the 117th Congress. I hope you have a blessed holiday season surrounded by family and friends.

Best Regards,

Congresswoman Alma S. Adams, Ph.D.





What Will the Infrastructure Bill Accomplish for North Carolina?



Build Back Better and NC-12

On Friday, November 5, 2021, my colleagues from both sides of the aisle and I collaborated late into the night, voting to pass the historic **Bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act** and advance the **Build Back Better Agenda**.

Here's what that means for North Carolina and the 12th Congressional District:



I believe that promises made must be promises kept, and this package keeps our promise to all Americans.

- Congresswoman Alma Adams



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\$7.2 BILLION & \$457 MILLION
Highways, Roads, and Bridges



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In North Carolina there are 1,460 bridges and over 3,116 miles of highway in poor condition.

***North Carolina will receive \$7.2B and \$457M for major improvements and new projects.**

\$911 MILLION Public Transportation

North Carolinians who take public transportation spend an extra 59.9% of their time commuting.

15% of transit vehicles in the state are past useful life.

***North Carolina will receive \$911M to address those problems.**



\$440 MILLION+ Environmental Protections

Currently, up to 10 million American households and 400,000 schools and child care centers lack safe drinking water

***North Carolina will receive \$1.1B to improve water infrastructure.**

\$109 MILLION Electric Vehicle Investments

One of the ways the Biden-Harris Administration aims to address the climate crisis and support domestic manufacturing jobs is to accelerate the adoption of electric vehicles (EVs). ***North Carolina will receive \$109M to support this aim.**



\$100 MILLION Increased Broadband Access

Broadband internet is a necessity for Americans. Yet 14% of North Carolina households do not have an internet subscription, and 4% of North Carolinians live in areas where there is no broadband infrastructure

***North Carolina will receive \$100M to extend this access.**

***OVER A FIVE-YEAR PERIOD**

On December 2nd, I joined Vice President Kamala Harris and Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg in Charlotte as we toured a Charlotte Area Transportation System (CATS) facility. The infrastructure bill will make a big difference for Charlotte. - **Alma**





IN THE NEWS

The Hill: Adams says "Maternal health is a crisis within a crisis"

About 700 women die each year in the United States each year as a result of pregnancy or delivery complications, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The agency reports that Black women are 3 to 4 times more likely to die from pregnancy-related issues compared to white women.

"It's a serious problem, and we want to continue to shed light on it," Adams told The Hill's Steve Clemons.

On Tuesday, President Biden signed into law the Protecting Moms Who Served Act, the first bill passed as a part of the Black Maternal Health Omnibus, a 12-bill package reintroduced by Adams and other lawmakers in February to address social factors that drive disparities in maternal health.

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WCNC: 'Huntersville deserves its share.' | Lawmakers give \$12 million to the ARP-shortchanged town

HUNTERSVILLE, N.C. — Five months after a WCNC Charlotte investigation found the federal government shortchanged Huntersville millions of dollars in pandemic relief, \$12 million is now headed to the town. Following questions from elected leaders and WCNC Charlotte, state lawmakers came to the rescue and included the money in the budget signed by the governor Thursday.

"It's a significant amount of money for a town Huntersville's size," Mayor John Aneralla said. "It is a pretty amazing bipartisan effort."

In recent months, lawmakers on both sides joined together to make sure the growing town of 58,000 people wouldn't be put at a disadvantage.

"I'm delighted," Congresswoman Alma Adams (D), NC-12, said. "Huntersville deserves its share. They were shortchanged."

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Charlotte Business Journal: Questions remain as city lands \$15M federal grant for remake of uptown transit center

The likelihood of a mixed-use makeover for the Charlotte Transportation Center increased last week when the city landed a \$15 million federal grant to help fund the proposed project.

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City government administrators credited the two senators and Congresswoman Alma Adams, a Democrat whose district includes portions of Charlotte, as key advocates for the transit grant.

The city sought the maximum amount — \$25 million — and was awarded \$15 million. Competition for the federal money is fierce and the city was happy to be awarded most of what they requested, administrators said.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE!

Our office will host our yearly "State of the District" address as well as a town hall on Thursday, January 27, so please save the date and we hope to see you either in person or online.



DISTRICT UPDATE

I'm happy to share the following updates from our District Office:

- On November 10, I hosted a Virtual Coffee on the Build Back Better Agenda.
- On November 11, I toured and visited with Veterans at a Carrier Plant on

Veterans Day.

- On November 12, I was a keynote speaker at the graduation ceremony for the Aviation Institute of Maintenance.
- On November 16, our staff attended the Creators Wanted Live event at CPCC. The event was to show students the important of manufacturing jobs and encouraged students to pursue this track.
- On November 22, I joined President Joe Biden and First Lady Dr. Jill Biden at Fort Bragg with my colleagues to serve a Thanksgiving meal to our troops.
- On December 2nd, I hosted Vice President Kamala Harris and Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg in Charlotte as we toured a Charlotte Area Transportation System (CATS) facility in South End.



CASEWORK HIGHLIGHT OF THE MONTH

Our district office handles thousands of constituent cases every year. Each month, I hope to highlight an example of our staff going above and beyond for our constituents.

This week, our district staff helped stock the food pantry at University Park Creative Arts Elementary School in Charlotte. The growing food pantry just added a freezer, and will help students in need from going hungry over the holiday break.



If you or anyone in your family needs help with a federal government issue, please reach out to our office.

- Alma



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INTERN SPOTLIGHT: Deja Mayfield

Deja Mayfield (she/her) spent the Fall Semester with us in our Washington,

D.C. office. She is currently a Senior at North Carolina A&T State University, and will graduate this December with a degree in Journalism and Mass Communication. Deja hails from Eastern North Carolina, claiming New Bern and Jacksonville, NC as her home. As a press intern, Deja has handled media monitoring, content creation, photography, and press staffing for the office. After graduation, Deja plans to continue her career in a position where she can merge her communications expertise with her policy and government affairs experience.



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