

# Discretionary Funding Opportunities

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# Formula vs **Discretionary**

- \$66 billion for traditional “transportation” projects
- Additional funds for climate, environment, energy, and broadband



# RAISE Grants

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# RAISE 2023 Winner

- 9 bridges across 9 Iowa counties
- All rural roadways
- \$24.7 million award

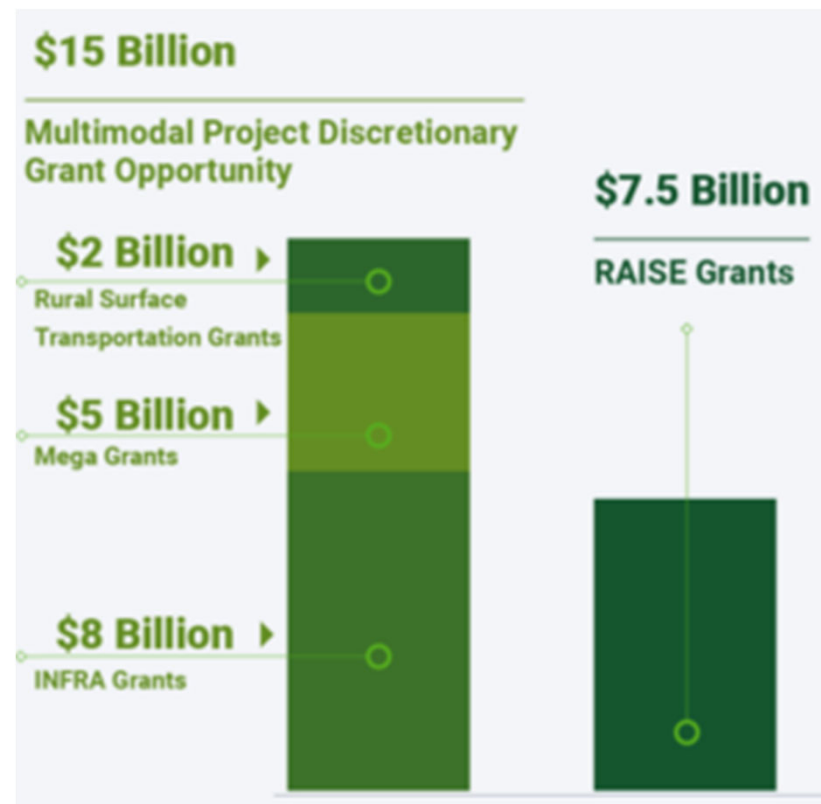
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GREATER LEVERAGE =  
**GREATER IMPACT**

STREAMLINED PERMITTING =  
**FASTER PROJECT DELIVERY**

HIGHER ACCOUNTABILITY =  
**BETTER PERFORMANCE**

BROADER REACH =  
**STRONGER RURAL CONSIDERATIONS**



# New Programs under IIJA

NEW Programs include:

- Rural Surface Transportation (RURAL)
- Bridge Investment Program (BIP)
- Safe Streets for All (SS4A)
- Railroad Crossing Elimination (RCE)

IT'S A COMPETITION!!!



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# Nebraska's Wins - NDOT

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• \$15 million RAISE grant in 2022

➤ Project Access York

➤ Trail expansion

➤ Pedestrian overpass

➤ Improved school crossing



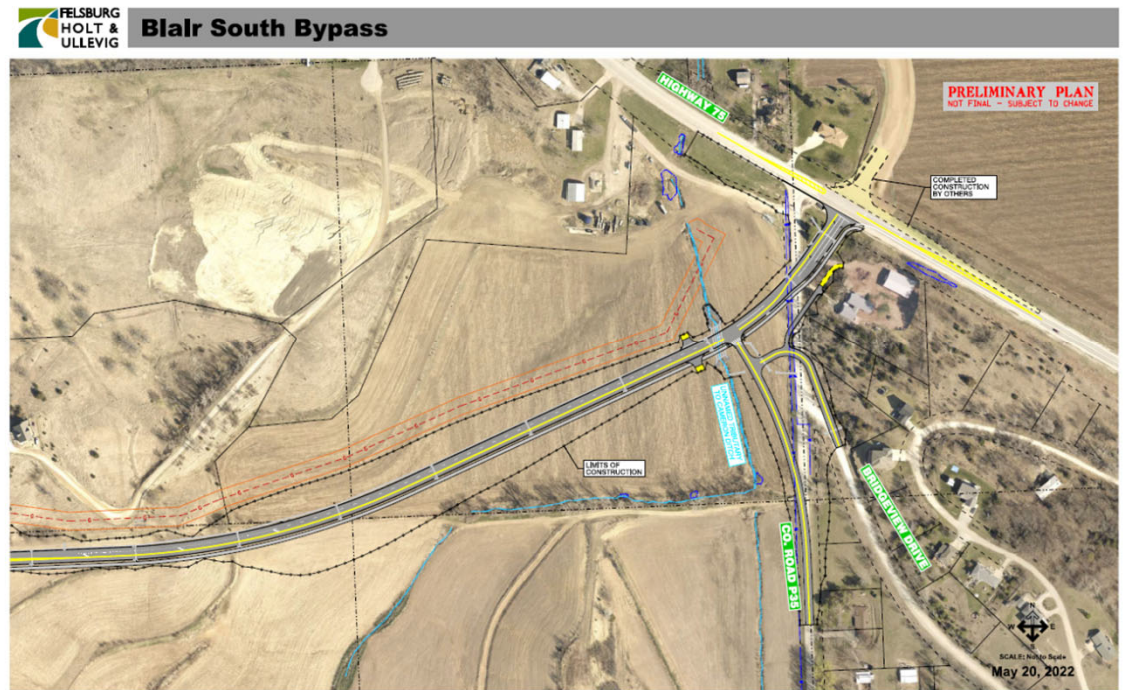
# Nebraska's Wins – Local Partners

## StarTran Bus Transfer Station



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## BLAIR SOUTH BYPASS



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## Safe Streets and Roads for All

- Beatrice
- Lincoln
- Madison
- Norfolk
- North Platte
- Sidney
- Waverly
- MAPA

## Additional Awards

- Bellevue (2022)
- MAPA (2023)
- Omaha Tribe (2023)
- City of Omaha (2023)

All in 2022 - \$2.65M in total  
award

# Building Blocks



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## Going Forward

- 1) NOFOs
- 2) Stakeholders
- 3) Play the Long Game

And #4....





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ACHIEVES  
MORE