

BASICS ACT

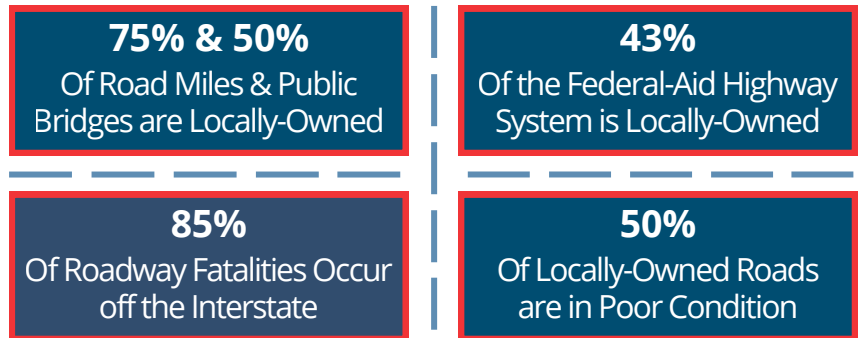
"BASICS" – Bridges And Safety Infrastructure for Community Success Act

THE BASICS, EXPLAINED

The **BASICS Act** updates federal surface transportation programs to better match how America's transportation system actually works. It focuses on directing funding to the roads and bridges people use every day, improving safety outcomes, and ensuring federal dollars move efficiently to projects that are planned, prioritized, and ready to deliver.

WHY THIS BILL EXISTS

Local and regional governments plan for, own, and operate most of the nation's transportation infrastructure. These systems carry daily travel, regional freight, and national supply chains, but federal transportation funding remains concentrated on a limited portion of the network.



Regions & local governments receive only 16% of federal transportation funding



persistent mismatch between responsibility, risk, & funding

WHAT THE BILL DOES

- **Fixes bridges based on condition and ownership:** Strengthens the Bridge Formula Program by prioritizing poor-condition bridges and requiring a 25% population-based suballocation to ensure local access.
- **Delivers local and regional priority projects faster:** Expands the Surface Transportation Block Grant program to increase predictable, flexible funding for states, regions, and local governments to advance critical local projects.
- **Targets safety dollars to high-risk roads:** Strengthens the Highway Safety Improvement Program by increasing available safety funding and suballocating 25 percent for regional delivery in urban and rural areas.
- **Strengthens accountability and local project selection:** Reinforces locally-driven project selection and improves follow-through from planning to obligation.
- **Builds planning capacity to deliver better projects faster:** Modernizes Metropolitan Planning funding and improves coordination between planning, performance measures, and project development to support efficient delivery.
- **Supports rural transportation:** Strengthens Rural Transportation Planning Organizations to help rural communities plan strategically and advance priority projects.
- **Protects local and regional dollars:** Limits the ability to shift funds out of suballocated programs, ensuring transportation dollars remain available for their intended safety and infrastructure purposes.

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THE LOT COALITION

The bill aligns with priorities advanced by the **Local Officials for Transportation (LOT) Coalition**, representing cities, towns, counties, rural transportation planning organizations (RTPOs), metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs), and regional councils nationwide.

Together, our members plan for, own, and operate the majority of the nation's transportation infrastructure. The LOT Coalition advocates for federal transportation policies that recognize the integral role that communities play in our transportation system and strengthen the infrastructure that connects people, neighborhoods, and businesses.

Toolkit



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Public Survey for the Greenup Ave. (US 23) Corridor Study in Boyd County

Flemingsburg, Ky. (April 20, 2026) – A public online StoryMap and survey are being made available to provide residents with information on the Greenup Ave. (US 23) Corridor Study in Ashland, KY. This planning study is being conducted to identify and evaluate potential concepts to improve safety, mobility, and capacity along Greenup Ave. (US 23) and adjacent routes, including Winchester Ave. (US 23X) east of 18th Street.

The survey will be live from April 20, 2026 to May 4, 2026. Input collected from the community will be an important part of the decision-making process.

Online StoryMap and Survey:

[Greenup Ave. \(US 23\) Corridor Study Online StoryMap & Survey](#)



We Want Your FEEDBACK

Emerging Hydrogen Energy Industry Survey

H2 Hub Appalachia and our Regional Planning and Development Council partners at Region 1, 2, 4, and 7 are conducting research on how you and your community feel about the emerging hydrogen energy industry. We would love to hear your thoughts, as your feedback will help us understand your perspective on hydrogen energy and any concerns that need to be addressed as we continue our research in this field.

The survey should only take about 5 minutes to complete, and your responses will remain completely anonymous.

If you have any questions about the survey, please contact: Katherine Pauley, Region 1 PDC, at 304.431.7225 x208 or katherine@regiononepdc.org.

To begin, please scan the QR Code or visit the Hydrogen Support Survey URL:



Survey URL:

bit.ly/HydrogenSurvey

We sincerely appreciate your time and input on this important topic!



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Project Summary

The ARC Hydrogen initiative is an exploratory effort to evaluate opportunities for hydrogen development in **Appalachia, with a focus on Southern West Virginia**. This effort is supported through **grant funding from the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC)** and focuses on assessing the potential for hydrogen production, infrastructure, and end-use applications while leveraging existing energy assets and regional workforce strengths.

H2 Hub Appalachia (H2HA) complements this effort by preparing communities for emerging hydrogen opportunities through community engagement, workforce development, and applied research. The initiative is **led by Regional Planning & Development Councils (PDCs) 1, 2, 4, and 7** in partnership with Marshall University, West Virginia University, Coalfield Development, and the U.S. Research Impact Alliance.

Objectives

- Evaluate opportunities for hydrogen production, including blue and/or green pathways
 - Identify infrastructure needs and opportunities for hydrogen deployment
 - Identify potential industrial, utility, and transportation applications
 - Explore opportunities to enhance energy reliability and resilience
 - Support long-term economic development and workforce opportunities
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Project Components

Hydrogen Production

- Evaluation of production pathways, including natural gas reforming with carbon capture and electrolysis

Infrastructure

- Assessment of system needs, storage options, and distribution considerations

End-Use Applications

- Evaluation of potential uses in industrial processes, power generation, and transportation

Community Engagement & Workforce Development

- Public outreach to build understanding and trust, alongside development of training pathways (including Marshall University hydrogen micro-credentials)

Research & Demonstration

- Identification and evaluation of safe, practical hydrogen technologies
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Opportunities for Stakeholders

- Participate in early-stage planning and pilot initiatives
 - Provide input on infrastructure and operational considerations
 - Engage in workforce and training development efforts
 - Collaborate on research, demonstration, and deployment opportunities
 - Access potential federal funding opportunities (DOE, IJJA, IRA programs)
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Economic & Regional Impact

- Supports regional economic proliferation
- Creates workforce development and training opportunities
- Positions Southern West Virginia for emerging energy opportunities
- Leverages existing assets and institutional partnership