

CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 23-0151R
(Resolution)

Introduced by: Councilmember Ramos, Bullock, Burnett

Introduced and read first time: January 23, 2023

Assigned to: Rules and Legislative Oversight Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Department of Finance, Department of Transportation, Office of the City Administrator, Department of Public Works, Office of the Mayor

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A COUNCIL RESOLUTION concerning

2 **Informational Hearing — Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act —**
3 **Inflation Reduction Act**

4 FOR the purpose of inviting representatives from the Office of the City Administrator, the
5 Mayor’s Office of Infrastructure Development, the Bureau of Budget, Management and
6 Research, the Department of Finance, the Department of Public Works, and the Department
7 of Transportation to come before the City Council to detail the Infrastructure Investment and
8 Jobs Act and the Inflation Reduction Act, to describe how the City is positioned to apply for
9 and receive funds from all possible sources for critical projects, to explain the application
10 process for all potential funding sources, to discuss the need for partnership with and
11 outreach to regional and local partners in government, business, and community, and to
12 present plans for reporting progress to the City Council and the public.

13 **Recitals**

14 In November of 2021, President Biden signed the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, and
15 more recently the Inflation Reduction Act in August of 2022.

16 Both pieces of legislation provide an opportunity for millions of dollars to come into
17 Baltimore City for critical infrastructure projects. The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act
18 has over 375 programs for which jurisdictions can apply for building and repairing infrastructure,
19 addressing climate change, and promoting an economic recovery. Forty percent of programs
20 must go to communities that have been traditionally disinvested, and Baltimore City qualifies as
21 one of those communities.

22 The Inflation Reduction Act provides funding for reducing energy costs, investing in electric
23 vehicle infrastructure, and investing in zero waste infrastructure.

24 Unlike the American Recovery Program Act (ARPA), most of the federal dollars available
25 through these programs are available through an application process by local jurisdictions and
26 states, and may require a local funding matches. There are limited dollars sent to Baltimore
27 through formula funding.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

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1 Baltimore is at a critical life stage where we must address aging infrastructure, equitable
2 development, zero waste infrastructure, green manufacturing, unemployment, and public transit
3 if we want to see our City break from its recent challenging history. These federal dollars will
4 help us in addressing these issues and others.

5 Baltimore residents deserve transparency around how Baltimore will apply for and position
6 itself to take advantage of all the funds for which we are eligible. The Baltimore City Council
7 wants to be a partner in identifying projects as well as engaging residents in this process.

8 The Baltimore City Council requests the Director of the Office of Infrastructure to come
9 before the Council to report on the following items:

- 10 1. the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and the Inflation Reduction Act;
- 11 2. which funds the City will apply for;
- 12 3. which projects the City is prioritizing organized by Council district, and separately by
13 responsible agency;
- 14 4. what information will be reported back to the federal government after funds are
15 awarded;
- 16 5. what information will be reported to the City Council during the project selection and
17 application process, during the award process, and during the life of the award;
- 18 6. the outreach strategy to develop partnerships with regional and local governments,
19 business, and communities; and
- 20 7. how the City will facilitate local organizations to apply for funding, as applicable.

21 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the City
22 Council invites representatives from the Office of the City Administrator, the Mayor's Office of
23 Infrastructure Development, the Bureau of Budget, Management and Research, the Department
24 of Finance, the Department of Public Works, and the Department of Transportation to come
25 before the City Council to detail the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and the Inflation
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29 government, business, and community, and to present plans for reporting progress to the City
30 Council and the public.

31 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the
32 City Administrator, the Director of the Mayor's Office of Infrastructure Development, the
33 Director of the Bureau of Budget, Management and Research, the Director of the Department of
34 Finance, the Director of the Department of Public Works, the Interim Director of the Department
35 of Transportation, and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the City Council.