

Assessing the Economic Framework of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Deal

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We are the nation's leader in dynamic local, state and national policy modeling.

From the start, REMI has sought to improve public policy through economic modeling software that informs policies impacting our day-to-day lives.

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Background of Proposed Infrastructure Policies



Biden Proposals

- American Jobs Plan
 - Released March 2021
- American Families Plan
 - Released April 2021
- Over \$4 trillion in new spending

Bipartisan Framework

- Announced in June 2021
- Result of negotiations between moderate Democrat and GOP Senators
- Focus on "hard" infrastructure
- \$579 billion in new spending

Reconciliation Measure

- Price Tag agreed in July 2021
- Includes both "hard" and "human" Infrastructure
- \$3.5 trillion in new spending

Objectives of the Infrastructure Deal



Primary Goals



Workforce Development

Create good-quality jobs that pay prevailing wages while ensuring workers have the agency to organize, join a union, and bargain collectively.



Rebuild Competitive Edge

Revitalize manufacturing, secure U.S. supply chains, invest in R&D, and train Americans for the jobs of the future.



Improve Infrastructure

Fix highways, rebuild bridges, upgrade ports, airports, transit systems, and implement digital integration.



Incentivize Domestic Job Creation

Implement incentives that stop the shifting of jobs and profits abroad, and ensures corporations pay their fair share.

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Model Simulation Overview: BIF



Spending Categories

- Future Legislation Expenditures/line items
- Spread over 5 years
- Includes \$578 Billion

Long Run Benefits Categories

- Represents Persistent Benefit of Infrastructure Investment
- Improvement to Labor Access Index
- Improvement to Commodity Access Index
- Improvement to Labor Productivity – connected to broadband

"Cost" Categories

- Includes Corporate Tax Increase
- Short Run Income Tax Increase

Model Simulation Overview: Reconciliation Proposal



Spending Categories

- Future Legislation Expenditures/line items
- Spread over 5 years
- \$3.914 Trillion

Long Run Benefits Categories

- Represents Persistent Benefit of Infrastructure Investment
- Improvement to Labor Access Index above BIF
- Improvement to Commodity Access Index above BIF
- Improvement to Labor Productivity above BIF – connected to broadband and education/workforce development programs

"Cost" Categories

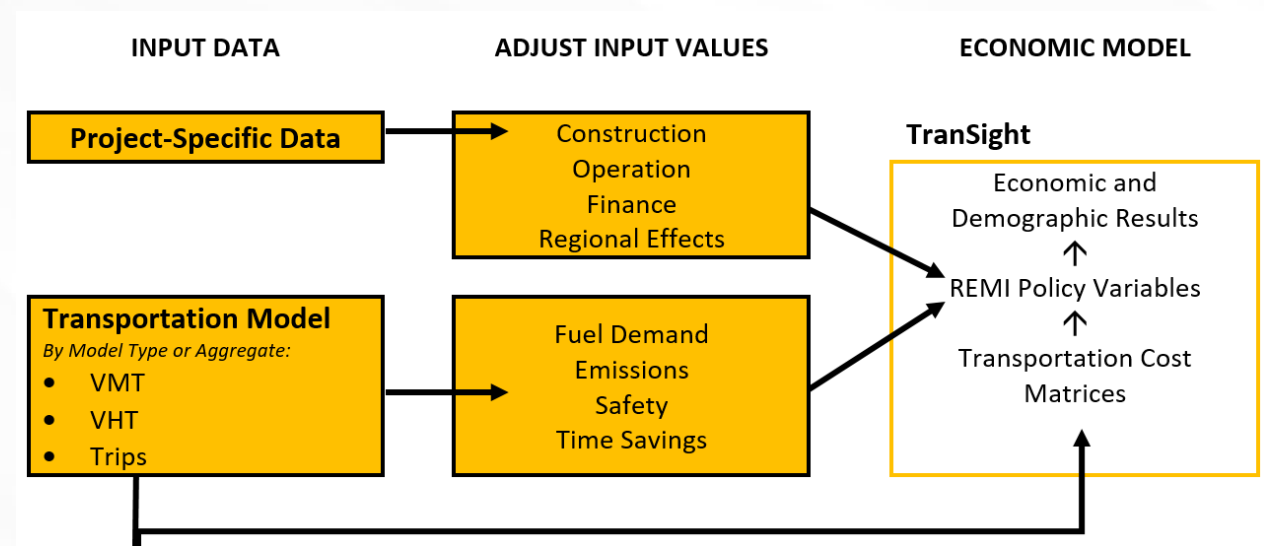
- Wealth Tax
 - reduction in demand of financial services
 - Increase in Cost of Capital
- Corporate Tax Increase

Model Simulation: REMI TranSight



TranSight is the premier software solution for comprehensive evaluations of the total economic effects of transportation policy.

Grounded in over 20 years of modeling experience, decision-makers depend on TranSight to forecast the short- and long-term impacts of transportation investments on jobs, population, income, and other economic variables



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Live Demo



The screenshot shows the REMI TranSight v4.5 software interface. At the top, a status bar displays: "TS-BEA Major Regions • 8 Region National 160 Sectors • History 2001 - 2019 • Forecast 2020 - 2060".

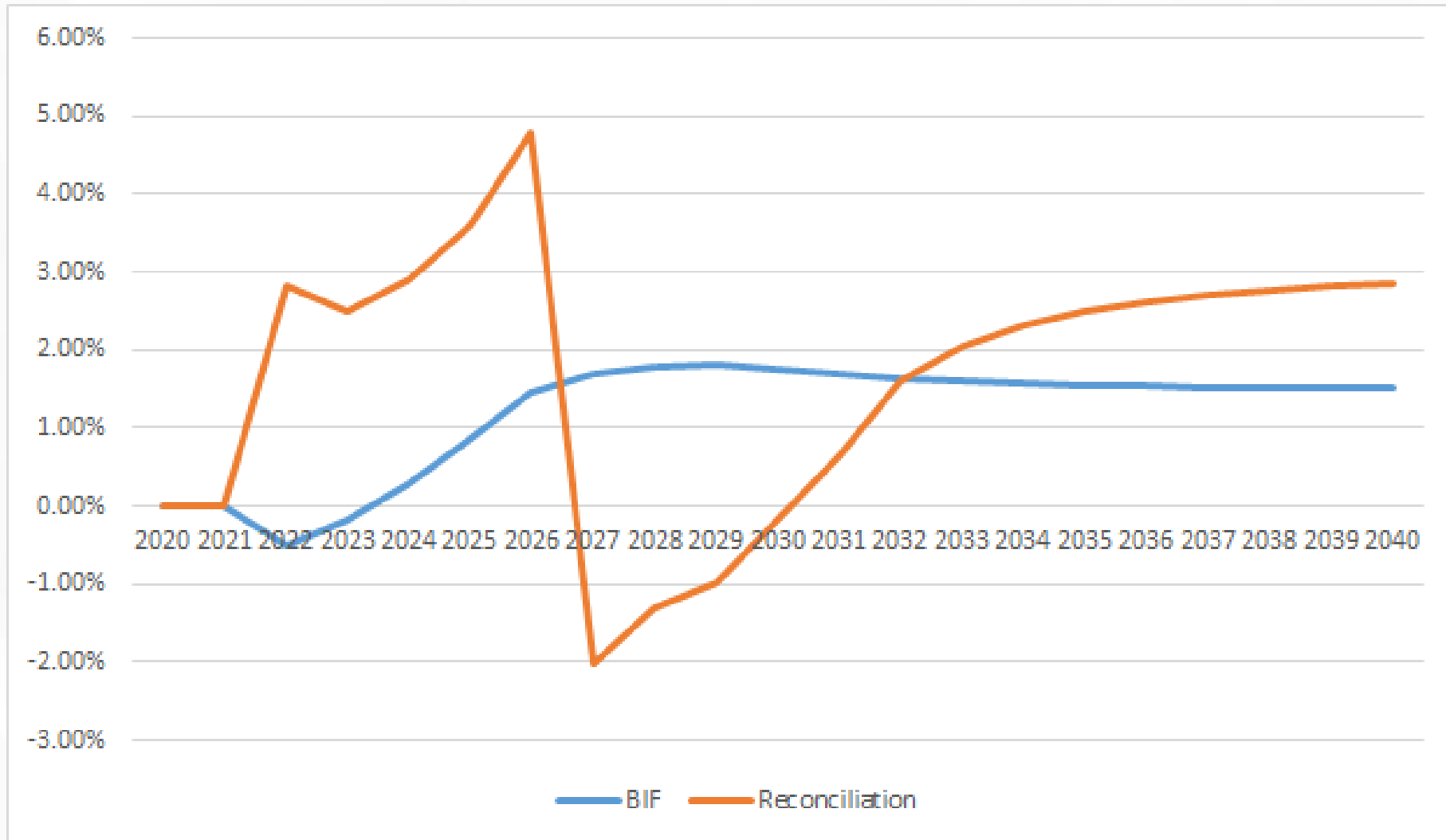
The main interface is divided into several sections:

- Left Sidebar:** A vertical menu with icons and labels for: Home, Forecasts, Studies, Tools & Settings, Model Details, Help, and a red "Close" button.
- Main Content Area:** A grid of buttons for various simulation and forecast functions:
 - Green buttons: "New Regional Simulation", "New Regional Control", "Regional Forecast".
 - Blue buttons: "Regional Profile", "What's New", "New National Simulation", "New National Control", "National Forecast".

The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the current directory as "C:\Users\zacharys\Desktop\TS-BEwin19.160 - BEA Major Regions\" and the system clock as "11:25 AM 7/20/2021".

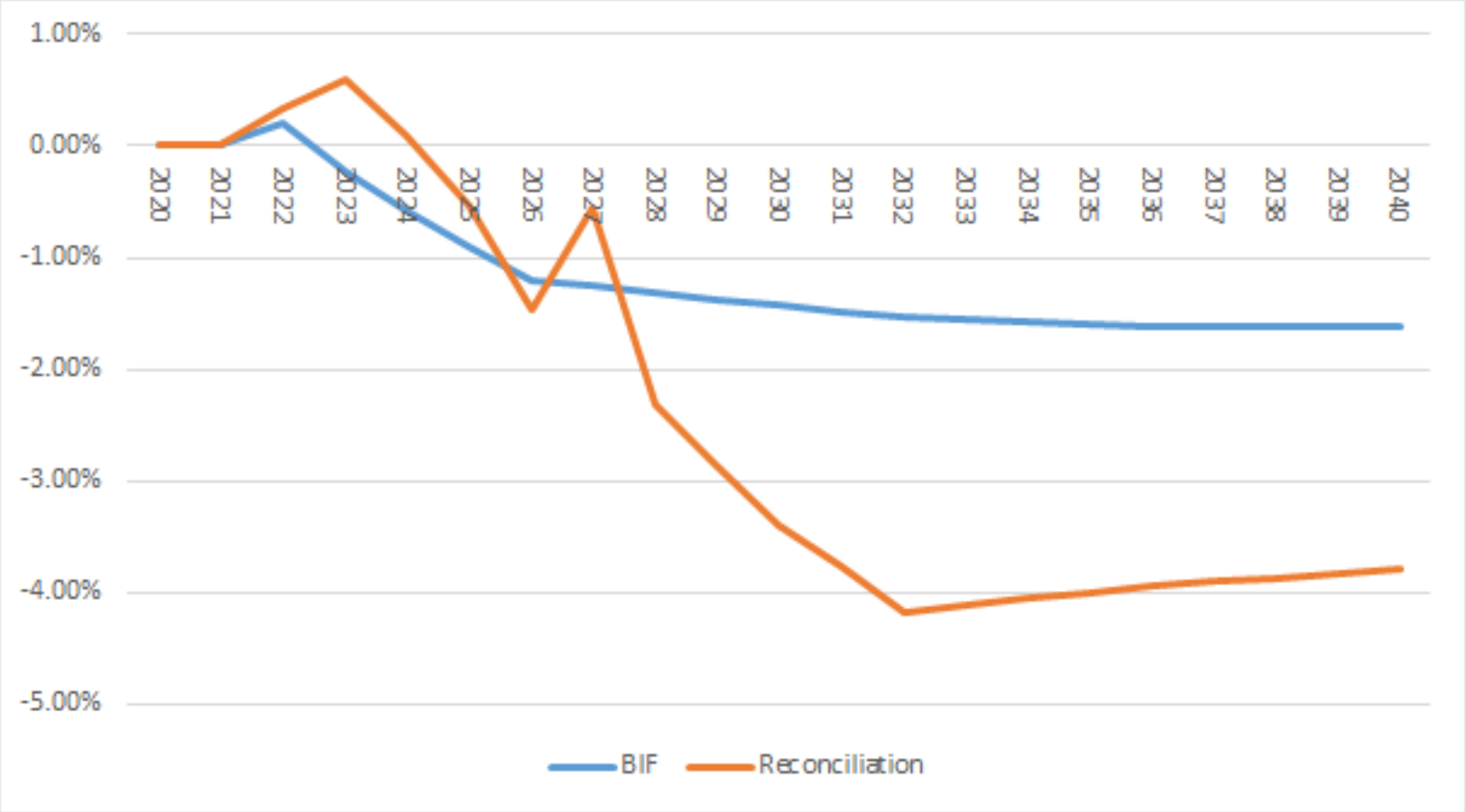
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Gross Domestic Product(GDP)



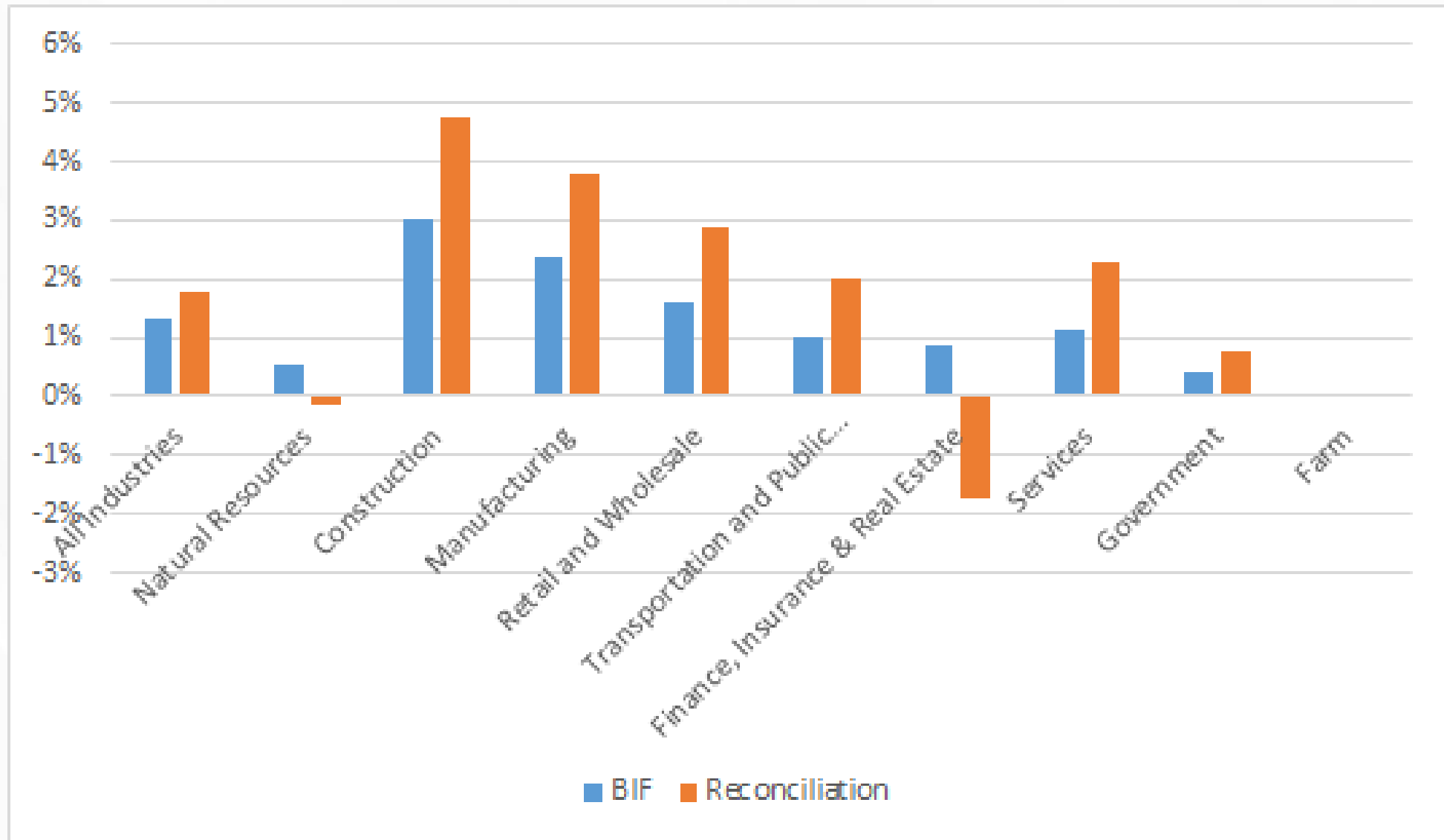
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Price Levels



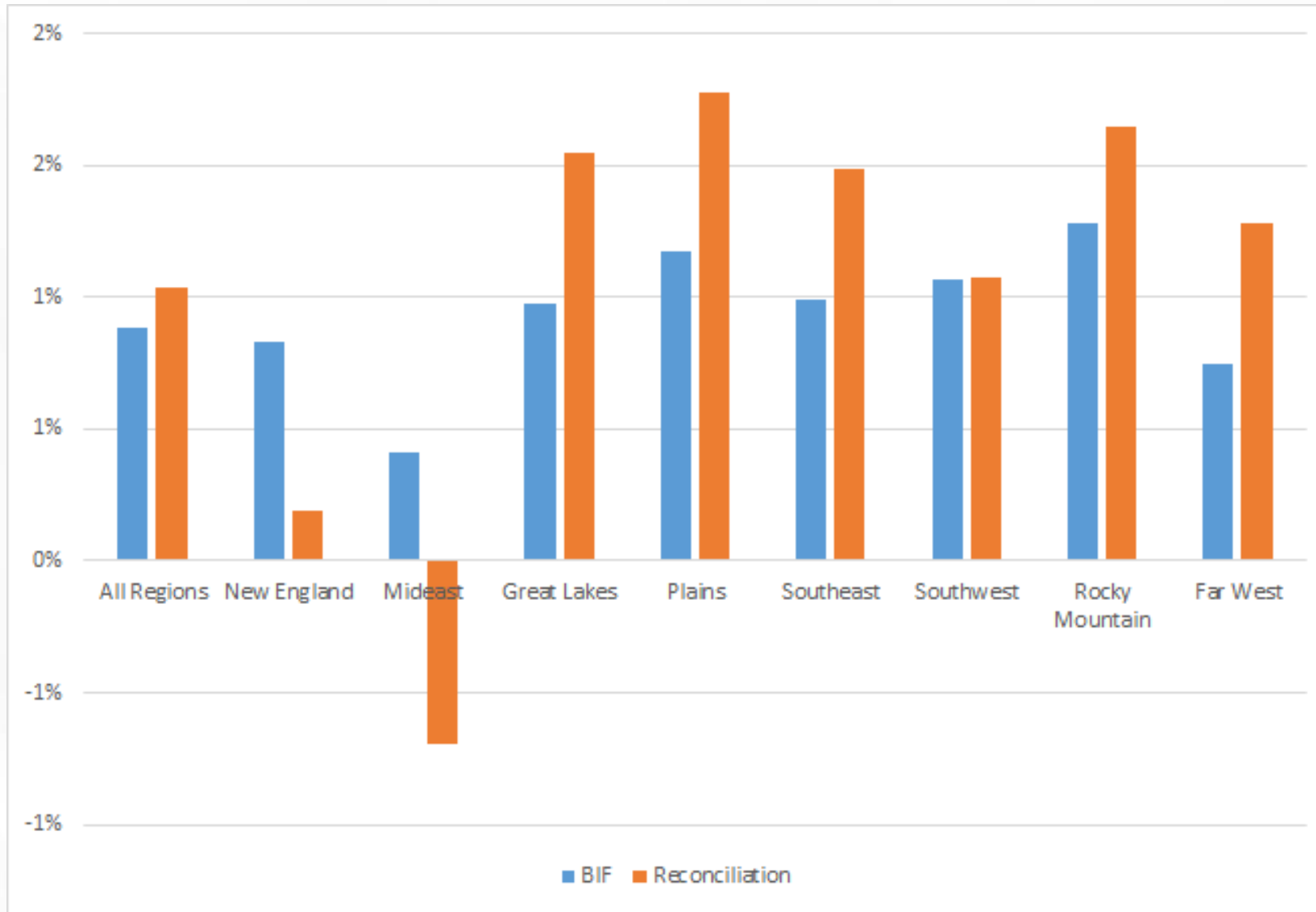
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Average Percent Change in Output by Industry: 2022-2040



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Average Percent Change in Employment by Region: 2021-2040



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Conclusion and Key Points

GDP

- Reconciliation causes some volatility with large spending, and large taxes
- Long Run GDP growth is higher in reconciliation plan

Inflation

- Modest short run increase
- Long term reductions in both scenarios

Employment

- Healthy gains in both scenarios
- Job loss in finance industries – tied to wealth tax
- Job increases in reconciliation above BIF not proportional to spending

Output

- Large gains in Construction, Manufacturing, Retail and Wholesale trade
- Losses in financial services, natural resources

Economic Modeling: Why does it matter?



Clarify

- Understand economic, fiscal and demographic implications of policies before implementation
- Ensure that public policy serves the broad-based interests of the public



Predict

- Make predictions about the effects of policies before implementation
- Avoid unwanted negative impacts
- Make effective use of resources



Inform

- Inform policy with standard metrics rather than ideology or intention
- Address stakeholders with evidence that communicates how policy benefits or disadvantages their communities broadly

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Appropriations Breakdown – Motor Transit and EVs



Funding Item	Funding Level (billions USD)
Roads, bridges, other major projects	\$109
Safety	11
Public Transit	49
Infrastructure Financing	20
Electric buses, other transit	7.5
EVs and assoc. Infrastructure	7.5
Reconnecting Communities	1

Appropriations Breakdown – Other Transportation



Funding Item	Funding Level (billions USD)
Passenger and Freight Rail	\$66
Airports	25
Ports and Waterways	16

Appropriations Breakdown – Electrical and Broadband



Funding Item	Funding Level (billions USD)
Electrical Infrastructure/Grid	\$73
Broadband	65

Appropriations Breakdown – Water, Environment, etc.



Funding Item	Funding Level (billions USD)
Water Infrastructure	\$55
Resilience (structures, infrastructure)	47
Remediation	21
Western Water Storage	5

Reconciliation Plan Appropriations Breakdown

Line Items are values above BIF Plan



American Jobs Plan

1. Transit
2. Water, Electricity, Broadband
3. Homes and Buildings
4. Caregiving
5. Innovation and R&D
6. Workforce Development

American Families Plan

1. Education
2. Families and Children
3. Tax Credits/Deductions

Appropriations Breakdown American Jobs Plan– Transit



Funding Item	Funding Level (billions USD)
Roads, Bridges	\$6
Public Transit	\$36
Passenger and freight rail	\$14
Safety	\$9
EVs	\$166.5
Airports, Ports	\$1
Reconnecting Neighborhoods	\$19
Large Projects	\$25
Other	\$10

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Appropriations Breakdown American Jobs Plan– Water, Electricity, Broadband, Homes and Buildings



Funding Item	Funding Level (billions USD)
Drinking Water	\$51
Broadband	\$35
Electric Power	\$27
Retrofitting	\$166
Education and Childcare	\$137
VA Hospitals	\$18
Fed Buildings	\$10

Appropriations Breakdown American Jobs Plan— Caregiving, Innovation and R&D



Funding Item	Funding Level (billions USD)
Expanding Medicaid Home and Community Care	\$400
Commerce Supply Chain	\$50
Semiconductors	\$50
Medical Countermeasures	\$30
Clean Energy	\$46
Regional Innovation Hubs	\$20
NIST	\$14

Appropriations Breakdown American Jobs Plan— Caregiving, Innovation and R&D



Funding Item	Funding Level (billions USD)
Manufacturing Extension Partnerships	\$2
Capital Access	\$52
Small Business Incubators	\$31
Rural Partnerships	\$5

Appropriations Breakdown American Jobs Plan– Workforce Development



Funding Item	Funding Level (billions USD)
Dislocated Workers Program	\$40
Underserved Communities	12
Apprenticeships	\$50
Semiconductors and STEM Education	\$48

Appropriations Breakdown American Families Plan - Education



Funding Item	Funding Level (billions USD)
Free Pre-K	\$200
Free Community College	\$109
Increase Pell Grants	\$80
Increased Retention at Community Colleges	\$62
Subsidized Tuition for Low Income Families	\$39
Training for Teachers	\$9
Expanded Aid for HBCUs	\$5
Healthcare Workers Training Pipeline	\$2

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Appropriations Breakdown American Families Plan – Families and Children



Funding Item	Funding Level (billions USD)
Affordable Childcare and Training	\$225
National Paid Family Medical Leave	\$225
Expanded Summer EBT	\$25
Free Meals for Poor Children	\$17
Healthy Foods Incentives	\$1

Appropriations Breakdown American Families Plan – Tax Credits/Deductions



Funding Item	Funding Level (billions USD)
Extend Emergency Child Tax Credit Measures	\$450
Extend ACA Premium Tax Credit	\$200
Make Childless Worker EITC Permanent	\$125
Make Child Dependent Care Tax Credit Permanent	\$80