



APTA Virtual Fly-In Talking Points

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Public transportation is a \$74 billion industry that directly employs 435,000 workers and supports millions of private-sector jobs. It can transform lives, restore our communities, and create new opportunities.

We urge Congress to significantly increase investment in public transit and passenger rail to modernize these systems and meet the mobility demands of our communities.

Congress must ensure that public transportation and passenger rail are the cornerstone of both the surface transportation authorization and infrastructure bills.

Specifically, we urge Congress to significantly increase funding to eliminate the \$105 billion state-of-good-repair backlog and modernize our public transit systems.

We also encourage Congress to help our public transit agencies meet the growing mobility demands of our communities. Dozens of major capital projects are under construction, or in design and engineering, in growing communities across the country. In addition, Congress must provide the resources necessary to ensure that communities are able to provide equitable transit access and opportunity to every neighborhood.



For every \$1 invested in public transportation, \$5 is generated in economic returns.



In addition, public transportation supports and creates approximately 50,000 jobs for every \$1 billion of investment.



Moreover, public transportation significantly reduces greenhouse gas emissions. A typical public transit trip emits 62 percent fewer greenhouse gases than driving alone.

APTA urges Congress to:

- Significantly increase investment in public transit and passenger rail to modernize public transportation systems and meet the mobility demands of our communities;
- Restore the historical share of bus capital funding to 20 percent; and
- Create a new Mobility Innovation and Technology Initiative to introduce cutting-edge technologies and integrate new service-delivery approaches and mobility options in the transit marketplace.