

## New Appropriations Bill Saves Transit Jobs

Investment in transportation infrastructure and transportation services has long been a favored policy option to aid economic recovery and accelerate employment growth. The 308,000 transit jobs maintained by the recent appropriations bill added \$30.8 billion in economic activity.<sup>1</sup>

The Northeast Region (CT, ME, MA, NJ, NH, NY, PA, RI, VT) makes up 108,000 (33%) of the total number of transit jobs supported.

The West Region (AK, AZ, CA, CO, HI, ID, MT, NM, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY) makes up 87,600 (29%) of the total number of transit jobs supported.

The South Region (AL, AR, DE, DC, FL, GA, MD, NC, SC, VA, WV, KY, LA, MS, TN, OK, TX) makes up 71,400 (23%) of the total number of transit jobs supported.

The Midwest Region (IA, IL, IN, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, WI) makes up 46,200 (15%) of the total number of transit jobs supported.

The U.S. public transportation system currently consists of 7,200 transit service providers (public and private), operating 14 optional modes of service. This includes 5,300 service providers for elderly and persons with disabilities.<sup>2</sup>

An APTA study conducted in September 2011 suggested that a recent Congressional proposal to cut funding by 30% would have eliminated 620,000 private and public sector jobs over a six year period. Sustaining public transportation funding is critical to protect jobs and economic activity.

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<sup>1</sup> "Economic Impact of Public Transportation Investment", Glen Weisbrod and Arlee Reno, October 2009.

<sup>2</sup> APTA 2011 Public Transportation Fact Book

**Table 1: Jobs Supported by FY 2012 Federal Transit Funding**

<b>State/Area</b>	<b>Jobs Supported</b>	<b>State/Area</b>	<b>Jobs Supported</b>
United States Total	308,000	Montana	500
Alabama	2,000	Nebraska	800
Alaska	2,500	Nevada	1,600
Arizona	6,400	New Hampshire	500
Arkansas	900	New Jersey	17,400
California	41,700	New Mexico	1,200
Colorado	7,000	New York	52,600
Connecticut	5,200	North Carolina	5,000
Delaware	800	North Dakota	400
District of Columbia	6,000	Ohio	6,000
Florida	11,000	Oklahoma	1,200
Georgia	5,600	Oregon	5,400
Hawaii	2,200	Pennsylvania	14,000
Idaho	600	Puerto Rico	2,500
Illinois	18,300	Rhode Island	1,800
Indiana	2,800	South Carolina	1,300
Iowa	1,400	South Dakota	400
Kansas	1,100	Tennessee	2,600
Kentucky	1,800	Texas	15,600
Louisiana	2,200	Utah	5,300
Maine	400	Vermont	400
Maryland	7,300	Virginia	6,200
Massachusetts	10,500	Washington	10,400
Michigan	5,000	West Virginia	900
Minnesota	4,400	Wisconsin	2,500
Mississippi	1,000	Wyoming	300
Missouri	3,100		

Procedure: Apportioned funds are distributed based on FY 2011 percentage distribution to each state/area. Multi-state distributions are assigned to each state using a population and population/density formula. Discretionary programs distributed based on average distributions for six-years. Jobs supported are calculated from 30,000 jobs for each \$1 billion in funding. Includes Direct, indirect, and induced jobs.

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