

# Public Transportation Drives the American Economy

- Public transportation **drives the American economy, creates opportunities, and strengthens local communities.**
- It is a **\$93 billion industry** that directly **employs more than 430,000 people and supports millions of private-sector jobs.**
- In fact, **77 percent of Federal transit funding flows to the private sector.**
- Every **\$1 invested** in public transportation **generates \$5 in long-term economic returns.**
- Investing in transit is investing in American jobs; every **\$1 billion invested** in public transportation **creates or sustains** nearly **50,000 jobs.**
- **Buy America laws** ensure that public transportation funds are used to **create American jobs**, constructing our public transportation systems and manufacturing U.S. buses and railcars.

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Impacts Your Community**  
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# Fully Fund Public Transportation

- **Provide \$22.3 billion for Public Transit and \$21 billion for Passenger Rail in FY 2026;** and
- **Build upon current public transit and passenger rail investment levels in the next Surface Transportation Authorization Act** to address the more than \$150 billion state-of-good-repair backlog, meet growing mobility demands in our communities, and drive innovation and new technologies.
- **Investing in public transportation is a smart, practical investment in American leadership, jobs, and innovation.**



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