American Public Transportation Association

Transportation Appropriations & Extension Act

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The Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act, 2027 (or Continuing Resolution (CR)) funds the Federal Government and provides a short-term Surface Transportation Authorization extension through **December 11, 2026**. The CR cuts public transit investment by **20 percent** and passenger rail investment by **81 percent** from Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 enacted levels. **In December, Congress must restore this critical public transportation funding as a bridge to the next long-term Surface Transportation Authorization Act.**

APTA Urges Congress to Restore Public Transit and Passenger Rail Investment to FY 2026 Enacted Levels

While the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act expires on September 30, 2026, Congress extended Surface Transportation Authorization through December 11, 2026, as part of the Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act, 2027. The CR does not include "advance appropriations", a form of guaranteed funding provided under current law, resulting in a **20 percent ($4.2 billion)** cut to public transit investment and an **81 percent ($12.9 billion)** cut to passenger rail investment from FY 2026 enacted levels.

By excluding advance appropriations, the Act disrupts and delays projects across the nation and injects uncertainty into future State and local investment decisions. It also affects the ongoing, productive bipartisan solutions being negotiated in the House and Senate regarding the next Surface Transportation Authorization Act. These cuts will hurt agencies' efforts to address the more than **$150 billion** state-of-good-repair backlog for public transit. **APTA urges Congress to restore public transit and passenger rail investment to FY 2026 enacted levels.**

Every $1 invested in public transit generates $5 in long-term economic returns.

77 percent of Federal public transit investment flows to the private sector.

Every $1 billion invested in public transportation creates or sustains 41,400 jobs across the entire economy.

APTA urges Congress to:

- ✓ **Restore public transit and passenger rail investment to FY 2026 enacted levels to address the state-of-good repair backlog, drive job creation, and spur economic growth.**
- ✓ **Provide at least $21.1 billion for public transit and $15.9 billion for passenger rail in FY 2027.**