



# Public Transportation Talking Points

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Public transportation is an \$80 billion industry that directly employs more than 448,000 workers and supports millions of private-sector jobs. It can transform lives, restore our communities, and create new opportunities.

APTA urges Congress and the Administration to provide at least **\$10 billion** of additional public transit investment in the reconciliation bill, the Build Back Better Act.

We also urge Congress to provide significant, dedicated high-speed rail funding in the bill.

Congress must honor the commitment made in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Framework to include \$49 billion of new investment for public transit. The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, as passed by the Senate, includes \$39 billion of new investment for transit.

Congress needs to help our public transportation agencies tackle climate change, advance equity, and meet the growing mobility demands of our communities. Investing in public transit and high-speed rail will significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve air quality and public health, and help transform our nation's transportation network for a sustainable future.



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 55 percent fewer greenhouse gases than driving alone.

## APTA urges Congress to:

- Provide at least **\$10 billion** of additional public transit investment in the Build Back Better Act; and
- Provide significant, dedicated funding to construct high-speed rail in the United States.