



Public Transportation Talking Points

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Public transportation is an \$80 billion industry that directly employs almost 450,000 workers and supports millions of private-sector jobs. It can transform lives, restore our communities, and create new opportunities.

APTA strongly urges Congress to pass the Build Back Better Act (BBB Act) (H.R. 5376), including critically needed public transportation funding.

The BBB Act creates a \$10 billion competitive grant program for public transit access to affordable housing and provides \$10 billion to plan and construct high-speed rail.

The BBB Act provides critically needed public transit access to affordable housing, a key step in addressing America's housing crisis. Improving transit access is one of the most important actions we can take to address inequities in communities. Public transportation creates access to opportunities, including jobs, health care, and education.

The bill also provides dedicated investment in high-speed rail, which will make our economy stronger, our environment cleaner, and help us better compete in the global marketplace. Investing in high-speed rail will significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve 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:

- **Pass the Build Back Better Act (H.R. 5376), which provides \$10 billion for competitive grants for public transit access to affordable housing and \$10 billion to plan and construct high-speed rail.**