



Building a Better America Talking Points

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In 2021, the House of Representatives passed H.R. 5376, the **Build Back Better Act (BBB Act)**. The Senate is unlikely to pass the BBB Act, but certain elements may be included as part of a more targeted bill called “**Building a Better America**”. APTA strongly supports critical public transportation investments and tax credits for the new bill.

APTA supports \$10 billion for public transit access to affordable housing, \$10 billion for high-speed rail, and manufacturer tax credits for zero-emission buses and infrastructure.

The BBB Act provides \$10 billion for critically needed 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.

The legislation also provides \$10 billion for high-speed rail, which will make our economy stronger, our environment cleaner, and help us better compete in the global marketplace.

Finally, the BBB Act creates a new tax credit equal to 30 percent of the cost of electric or hydrogen fuel-cell transit buses, extends the alternative fuel tax credit, and extends and substantially increases the alternative fuel vehicle property tax credit.



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 \$10 billion for public transit access to affordable housing.
- Provide \$10 billion for high-speed rail.
- Create new tax credits for zero-emission vehicles and infrastructure.