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.