

December 2, 2025

The Honorable Marcus J. Molinaro Administrator Federal Transit Administration U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE Washington, DC 20590

Subject: Federal Transit Administration Proposed Rescission of the National Transit Database Weekly Reference Reporting Requirement Notice (Docket No. FTA-2025-0134)

Dear Administrator Molinaro,

The American Public Transportation Association (APTA) represents a \$93 billion public transportation industry that directly employs more than 430,000 people and supports millions of private-sector jobs. We greatly appreciate the opportunity to respond to the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) Proposed Rescission of the National Transit Database Weekly Reference Reporting Requirement Notice (Docket No. FTA-2025-0134), published in the *Federal Register* at 90 FR 51809 on November 18, 2025.

APTA strongly supports rescission of the National Transit Database's (NTD) Weekly Reference (WE-20) reporting requirement. Under the current reporting requirement, approximately 400 urban, rural, and tribal public transit agencies submit WE-20 reports on public transit ridership and service levels. These reports provide limited value and rescission of this reporting requirement will eliminate the considerable administrative burden on public transit agencies of producing these weekly reports.

If you or your staff have any questions regarding APTA's comments, please contact Ward McCarragher, Vice President, Government Affairs and Advocacy, at (202) 819-4895 or wmccarragher@apta.com, or Taria Barron, General Counsel, at (202) 496-4808 or tbarron@apta.com. Thank you for your consideration and we look forward to continuing to work with FTA to streamline regulations and improve transportation.

Sincerely,

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