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Tariq Bokhari Acting Administrator Federal Transit Administration 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140 Washington, D.C. 20590-0001

Subject: Private Investment Project Procedures NPRM / Docket No. FTA-2025-0011

Dear Acting Administrator Tariq Bokhari:

The American Public Transportation Association (APTA) represents a \$79 billion industry that directly employs 430,000 people and supports millions of private-sector jobs. APTA appreciates the opportunity to respond to the Federal Transit's Administration's (FTA's) Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on Private Investment Project Procedures. APTA and FTA have a long history of successful partnership and collaboration, and we look forward to continuing this important work together.

APTA supports in general the removal of requirements that impede greater use of public-private partnerships. We agree that reducing unnecessary reporting requirements is an important first step. We suggest FTA engage APTA and other stakeholders in discussion to identify additional ways to facilitate greater private sector roles. The APTA Board adopted <u>Public-Private Partnerships in Public Transportation: Policies and Principles for the Transit Industry</u> which outlines a framework through which financial and operating partnerships between the private sector and public transit agencies can have the best prospects for success. A process is currently underway to review and update these principles.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Art Guzzetti, Vice President Mobility Initiatives and Policy, at (202) 496-4814 or aguzzeti@apta.com, or contact 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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