



IIJA Authorization Talking Points

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On November 15, 2021, President Joseph Biden signed the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) into law. The IIJA provides \$108.2 billion for public transit over five years, an increase of \$42.4 billion from current levels. The legislation also provides \$102.1 billion for passenger and freight rail over five years, an increase of \$86.7 billion from current levels.

APTA thanks Congress for enacting the historic IIJA and for passing Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 Transportation Appropriations legislation to meet this promise.

On February 3, 2022, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) made partial-year apportionments for FY 2022 that were based on pre-IIJA funding levels. With enacted full-year Transportation Appropriations legislation, FTA can provide the funding increases promised under the IIJA.

In addition, the U.S. Department of Transportation has begun issuing Notices of Funding Opportunity for competitive programs authorized under the IIJA for public transit, passenger rail, and multimodal programs such as RAISE grants, Low or No Emission grants, and Buses and Bus Facilities competitive grants. *APTA's Smart Guide to the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law* provides the latest information on implementation, formula apportionments, and competitive grant opportunities, as well as summaries, section-by-section analyses, and webinars about the new law.



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:

- Ensure that the public transportation funding levels authorized in the IIJA are fully reflected in Transportation Appropriations legislation.
- Work with the Administration to ensure that the law is implemented expeditiously with timely formula apportionments and funding opportunities for competitive grants.
- Make additional targeted investments to foster innovative mobility solutions.