



Passenger Rail Investment

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In March, Congress enacted the Full-Year Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act, 2025 (P.L. 119-4) that provides **\$16.2 billion** for passenger rail investment in Fiscal Year (FY) 2025. For FY 2026, **APTA urges Congress to provide at least \$21 billion for passenger rail** in the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies (THUD) Appropriations Act, when combined with the advance appropriations of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA).

APTA urges Congress to fully fund passenger rail in the FY 2026 THUD Appropriations Act.

Public transportation is a **\$79 billion** industry that directly employs more than **430,000** people and supports **millions** of private-sector jobs.

APTA urges Congress to provide at least \$21 billion for passenger rail in the THUD Appropriations Act, when combined with the advance appropriations of the IIJA. Specifically, Congress should **fully fund the Railroad Crossing Elimination and Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail grants**.

Under the Federal-State Partnership for Intercity-Passenger Rail program, **104 projects in 44 States** are seeking passenger rail funds. These investments will help bring passenger rail systems to a state of good repair and meet the growing mobility demands of communities.



Every \$1 invested in public transportation generates \$5 in long-term economic returns.



77 percent of Federal public transportation investment flows to the private sector.



Every \$1 billion invested in public transportation creates or sustains nearly 50,000 jobs across the entire economy.

APTA urges Congress to:

- ✓ **Provide at least \$21 billion for passenger rail in the FY 2026 THUD Appropriations bill; and**
- ✓ **Build upon current passenger rail investment levels in the next Surface Transportation Authorization Act** to address the state-of-good-repair backlog, meet growing mobility demands in our communities, and drive innovation and new technologies.