



Passenger Rail Investment

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Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 is a critical time for passenger rail investment. Congress must complete the FY 2026 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill (THUD Appropriations bill), and pass or extend authorizing legislation to succeed the expiring Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA).

APTA urges Congress to fully fund passenger rail in FY 2026 THUD Appropriations and grow passenger rail investment in the Surface Transportation Authorization Act.

APTA urges Congress to provide \$21 billion for passenger rail in FY 2026. Both House and Senate Committees on Appropriations marked up their THUD Appropriations bills in July. We strongly support the Senate THUD Appropriations bill, which maintains passenger rail investment at **\$16.2 billion**. APTA urges Congress to reject House provisions prohibiting funding for specific passenger rail projects.

APTA urges Congress to build upon current passenger rail investment levels in the next Surface Transportation Authorization Act and provide \$130 billion over five years. These critical investments will drive economic growth; create jobs and increase opportunities; advance safety, security, and accessibility; and foster innovation. APTA's *Surface Transportation Authorization Recommendations* also include dozens of policy proposals to streamline program requirements and accelerate project delivery.



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.

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