



Public Transit Investment

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In July, both the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations marked up the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill (THUD Appropriations bill). The House THUD Appropriations bill (H.R. 4522) significantly cuts public transit investment below the FY 2025 enacted level. The Senate THUD bill (S. 2465) increases public transit investment. **APTA strongly supports the Senate THUD Appropriations bill.**

APTA urges Congress to fully fund public transit 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 \$22.3 billion for public transit in the THUD Appropriations Act, as authorized by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). These investments will help bring public transit systems to a state of good repair, meet mobility demands, and drive innovation. At minimum, the final THUD Appropriations Act should adopt Senate-proposed funding of **\$21.1 billion** for public transit.

For Capital Investment Grants (CIG), APTA urges Congress to provide \$4.6 billion. Today, 53 projects in 23 States across the nation are seeking more than \$36 billion of CIG funds. **APTA urges Congress to reject the House provision slashing CIG investment to the lowest level in almost 30 years.**



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



77 percent of Federal public transit investments flow directly 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 \$22.3 billion for public transit in the FY 2026 THUD Appropriations Act**, including \$4.6 billion for Capital Investment Grants; and
- ✓ **Build upon current public transit 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.