



Public Transit Investment

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Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 is a critical time for public transit 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 public transit in FY 2026 THUD Appropriations and grow transit investment in the Surface Transportation Authorization Act.

APTA urges Congress to provide \$22.3 billion for public transit 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 increases public transit investment to more than **\$21 billion**. APTA urges Congress to reject the House provision slashing Capital Investment Grants to the lowest level in almost 30 years.

APTA calls on Congress to build upon current investment levels in the next Surface Transportation Authorization Act and provide \$138 billion for public transit 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 transit policy proposals to streamline program requirements and accelerate project delivery.



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



77 percent of Federal public transit investments flow 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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