

THUD Appropriations

October 1, 2022

On July 20, the House of Representatives passed H.R. 8294, the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2023 (THUD Appropriations bill). On July 28, the Senate introduced its FY 2023 THUD Appropriations bill (S. 4670). The House and Senate THUD Appropriations bills will be the starting point for further negotiations to reach a bipartisan, bicameral agreement this fall.

APTA urges Congress to fully fund the IIJA's public transit and passenger rail investment in the FY 2023 THUD Appropriations bill and complete action on the bill this fall.

Public transportation is an **\$80 billion** industry that directly employs **450,000** workers and supports **millions** of private-sector jobs.

APTA urges Congress to provide at least \$17.5 billion for public transit and \$6.7 billion for passenger rail in the THUD Appropriations bill to honor the promise of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). When combined with the IIJA's advance appropriations, these amounts will fully fund the public transit and passenger rail investments of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

Specifically, APTA urges Congress to provide at **least \$3.0 billion for Capital Investment Grants** (CIG) to help our communities begin to address the backlog of demand for more mobility choices. Today, **79 projects** across the nation are seeking **\$44 billion** of CIG funds.

For passenger rail, APTA urges full funding of the IIJA authorizations for Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail and CRISI grants, and \$500 million for Railroad Crossing Elimination grants to help address fatalities at the nation's more than 200,000 highway-rail grade crossings.



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:

Fully fund the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act's public transit and passenger rail investments in the FY 2023 THUD Appropriations bill, including competitive grant programs, such as Capital Investment Grants, Railroad Crossing Elimination grants, Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail grants, RAISE grants, and other multimodal investments.