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2025 ANNUAL REPORT

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**PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION
IS ESSENTIAL TO AMERICA'S MOBILITY STORY.**



Creating
JOBS



Growing
BUSINESS



Driving
THE ECONOMY

Public transportation brings us economic empowerment, self-reliance, and a more perfect union.

Public transportation is made in America. In cities and towns across the country, American workers are building efficient transit vehicles, designing innovative systems, and developing next-generation technologies that keep our nation — and our national economy — moving and growing stronger.

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| From **THE CHAIR**



As my leadership term comes to a close, it is inspiring when reflecting on the progress our industry and association have made together to strengthen public transportation across the nation.

Over the past year, the collective work of APTA members, partners, and staff has ensured that transit continues to deliver value to the communities we serve by:

- Educating opinion leaders and policymakers about public transportation's essential role in driving investment, innovation, jobs, and the U.S. economy;
- Building and strengthening partnerships with organizations that benefit from and rely on the services we provide;
- Updating a three-year APTA Strategic Plan to guide our shared future; and
- Launching programs, such as the Strategic Engagement Council and the Safe-Efficient-Clean Commitments Program, to align with new national policies and priorities.

None of this progress would have been possible without the dedication of APTA's members, the guidance of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors, the commitment of our staff, and the steady leadership of Paul Skoutelas.

Together, we have shown the power of collaboration and the strength of our industry. The foundation we've built positions public transportation for an even brighter future.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "MJ Maynard-Carey". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

MJ Maynard-Carey
APTA Chair

Chief Executive Officer
Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada
Las Vegas, NV

| From the **PRESIDENT** and **CEO**



APTA's FY2025 was a year characterized by innovation, resilience, flexibility, and continued achievement — the qualities our association and our industry have always modeled.

Dedicated to advancing public transportation and the value it brings to communities, we worked collaboratively with two different Administrations and Congresses, leveraging opportunities, leading change, and broadening support.

I am exceptionally proud of the wide range of accomplishments, awards, and initiatives described in this annual report. We helped our members meet challenges, prepare for the future, and make life better by bringing modern mobility to millions of people, all while creating jobs and strengthening the U.S. economy.

I am most grateful to Chair MJ Maynard-Carey for her leadership, the Executive Committee and Board of Directors, and all APTA members and staff who helped us remain true to our mission and principles, while adapting to new government policies and evolving industry needs.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul P. Skoutelas". The script is fluid and cursive, with the last name being more prominent.

Paul P. Skoutelas
President and CEO

INVESTING in our industry

The past fiscal year has brought new challenges and opportunities.

APTA continued to share the knowledge, solutions, technical expertise, and learning experiences that our members need today to inform critical decisions tomorrow.

Staying ahead of evolving federal policies and industry trends required a commitment to knowing what's next. We used innovation, insight, and inquiry to build a better, more resilient future.

Together, we turned our lessons into our legacy.

The following pages highlight the wide range of ways that APTA's thought leadership helped ensure success for our members and progress for public transportation.



MJ Maynard-Carey (fourth from the left) joins representatives from RTC of Southern Nevada and Alexander Dennis, a subsidiary of NFI Group Inc., at the grand opening of the only double-decker bus manufacturing facility in the U.S., a \$15.3 million investment in North Las Vegas.

“Federal transit investments are delivering real results. Across the country, workers are building projects, designing systems, and developing new technology to keep public transit and passenger rail moving.”

— Paul P. Skoutelas



APTA leaders Jeffrey Wharton, Paul P. Skoutelas, MJ Maynard-Carey, and Leanne Redden with Raymond Melleady, President, Ster Seating North America, at a Products & Services Showcase.



Innovation Summit Panel (Anaheim, CA, October 2024): Nathaniel P. Ford Sr., CEO, Jacksonville Transportation Authority; MJ Maynard-Carey, CEO, Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada; Tobias Liebelt, COO, Benteler Trading International AG; Catherine Teebay, Special Advisor for Policy & Program Implementation, FTA; Kevin Reid, Chairman, Beep.



Paul P. Skoutelas and APTA Officers lead Board meeting discussion.



Rep. Steve Womack (R-AR), Chair, House Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development, meets with Paul P. Skoutelas and APTA members.

Advocacy

HISTORIC APPROPRIATIONS FUNDING

APTA successfully advocated for historic public transit and passenger rail funding in the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for 2025 (P.L. 119-4).

APTA RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NEW SURFACE TRANSPORTATION LAW

APTA developed, adopted, and submitted four packages of *Surface Transportation Authorization Recommendations* to Congress and the Administration. The association encouraged individual Members of Congress to champion specific proposals.

EXEMPTION FROM FMCSA RULE

APTA successfully advocated for and secured an exemption for public transit operators from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's (FMCSA) Commercial Driver's License Under-the-Hood testing requirement. APTA's 2024 report, *Impact of CDL Under-the-Hood Testing-Requirement*, was pivotal to obtaining the exemption.



Paul P. Skoutelas and several APTA members participated in a briefing for the bipartisan Congressional FIFA World Cup 2026 Caucus, advocating for supplemental federal funding to ensure safe and secure public transportation services in the 11 U.S. cities hosting the event.

| RCA Campaign

In 2025, APTA's RCA (Research-Communications-Advocacy) Campaign emphasized that public transportation:

- **is made in America;**
- **creates jobs;**
- **spurs innovation;**
- **supports and grows businesses;** and
- **drives the U.S. economy.**

KEY MESSAGES

5-to-1 economic returns result from long-term transit investments

77% of federal public transit funding flows to the private sector

More than 2,000 suppliers in 48 states and the District of Columbia are essential to the \$93 billion a year public transportation industry

Nearly 9 in 10 trips on public transit directly benefit the local economy

430,000+ people work in public transportation and 50,000+ jobs are created and supported for every \$1 billion invested

**American
businesses
build public
transit.**

Investing in transit
is investing in
American jobs.



The RCA Campaign's message guides, fact sheets, and paid advertising supported APTA members' advocacy efforts, particularly during Washington-Fly-Ins and Congressional consideration of the transportation appropriations legislation.

Working with Voices for Public Transit (VPT), APTA's grassroots advocacy program, we collected and shared stories about the latest infrastructure projects and job-creation stats through social media, press kits, creative images, and letter to the editor templates — all helping to show the benefits of public transportation to local, state, and federal officials.



VOICES FOR PUBLIC TRANSIT

260,000+ advocates

6,334 emails, faxes, and letters to Congress

533 members of Congress contacted



One of many transit projects made possible by voters was Sound Transit's ST3 ballot measure, the catalyst for capital investments in Seattle's public transportation system for the past decade.

Ballot Measures

Voters around the country supported transit in their communities by approving 51 of 61 transit ballot measures in 2024. To assess these outstanding results, APTA:

Hosted a post-election webinar featuring Phoenix Mayor Kate Gallego, Miami-Dade Commissioner Eileen Higgins, WeGo CEO Steve Bland, and Central Ohio Transit Authority President and CEO Monica Téllez-Fowler.

Convened a three-day workshop in Cincinnati, OH, in December 2024, focused on ways to design and promote successful transit ballot initiatives.

Nearly 84% of transit ballot measures were approved by voters nationwide in FY2025.

U.S. MAYORS CALL FOR MORE FEDERAL TRANSIT FUNDING

The U.S. Conference of Mayors adopted a resolution in June 2025 calling on Congress and the President to support "robust and long-term federal investment in public transportation to ensure that cities and regions remain mobile, economically competitive, environmentally sustainable, and vibrant." The Resolution stated that public transportation is:

- **Directly tied to the economic health**, social well-being, environmental sustainability, and access to opportunity in cities and metropolitan regions;
- **Driving innovation** through vehicle automation, alternative fuels, and technology-enabled customer service improvements; and
- **Employing over 430,000 workers** and supporting millions more private-sector jobs through investments in capital projects, operations, fuel, supplies, and materials, with 77 percent of federal transit investment flowing into the private sector.

Communications & Media

In FY2025, APTA secured strong, high-impact media coverage generating 2,669 mentions that reached 20.6 billion people and earned \$107.8 million in free publicity.

TIER-1 EXPOSURE

Coverage was prominently featured in top-tier outlets including The New York Times, CNN, CBS, NBC, ABC, FOX, MSNBC, The (London) Tribune, POLITICO, Bloomberg, Reuters, The Washington Post, and Newsweek.

88% Positive Coverage:
(67% trending positive; 21% explicitly positive)
This favorable sentiment reflects the trust APTA has built with media and policy-makers, positioning our association to be an effective advocate.

MESSAGE ALIGNMENT

Through disciplined messaging on funding, ridership, and federal appropriations, APTA has successfully aligned its objectives with media priorities.

VISIBILITY AND TRUST

Since January 2025, APTA has become an even more critical source for national reporters. For example, APTA's Legislative Conference in 2025:

Generated major visibility via the first-ever live U.S. pool/network coverage, reaching more than 100 million viewers across 5 major networks; and

Leveraged C-SPAN2 live coverage and **C-SPAN recorded coverage** to reach an additional 140 million highly engaged viewers.



PASSENGER TRANSPORT'S VOICE

As Senior Director and Editor of *Passenger Transport*, Kathy Golden helped shape public transportation's image for more than 20 years. With heartfelt gratitude for her invaluable contributions, the APTA community wishes her much happiness in writing the next "edition" of her own story.



PASSENGER TRANSPORT

Passenger Transport: APTA's News Center, an online, menu-driven hub, continued to provide up-to-the-minute information about the public transportation industry, APTA's advocacy activities, and commentaries by our members. In FY2025, the number of pages viewed topped more than 190,000.

In addition to this real-time, digital tool, APTA published four print issues of ***Passenger Transport*** that were distributed on-site at our Legislative, Mobility, Rail, and TRANSform conferences.



MJ Maynard-Carey



Paul P. Skoutelas



*Sean Duffy, U.S. Secretary
of Transportation*



*Rep. Sam Graves (R-MO), Chair,
House Committee on Transportation
and Infrastructure*

Membership, Meetings & Conferences

1,678
Members

\$10+ Million
Dues Collected

8,000
Attendees

17
Events

MILESTONE FIRSTS

Launched first APTA
Workforce Summit

Organized first APTA Innovation
Summit at 2024 TRANSform

APTA membership grew
to highest level

Dues collected at highest level

11 EVENTS WITH RECORD ATTENDANCE:

Business Members Annual Meeting

Mobility Conference

International Bus Roadeo

Rail Conference

Legal Affairs Seminar

Marketing, Communications &
Customer Experience Workshop

Safety & Risk Management Seminar

Transit Business Members &
Administrators Seminar

Transit CEOs Seminar

Transit Ballot Initiatives

TRANSform Conference



APTA Mobility Conference in Austin, TX, April 6-9, 2025

| Workforce Development

APTA LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS

33 Leadership APTA Class of 2025 graduates, the program's 27th class, with over 700 total graduates since its launch in 1998.

34 Emerging Leaders Class of 2025 graduates, the program's 11th class, with over 300 total graduates since its launch in 2014.

13 projects completed by Leadership APTA and Emerging Leaders participants on public transit's most pressing issues and presented at conferences and on webinars.

NEW RESOURCES

A new Operator Scheduling Practices Toolkit, launched in August 2024, helps transit agencies assess and develop strategies to enhance workforce scheduling processes. Developed with APTA members and a working group of stakeholders, the objective is to increase employee retention by designing schedules that improve quality of life for operators while delivering customers' needs.

The Transit Authority, APTA's podcast, produced five workforce-specific episodes showcasing APTA members' initiatives during National Mentoring Month, National Apprenticeship Week, and National Internship Awareness Month.

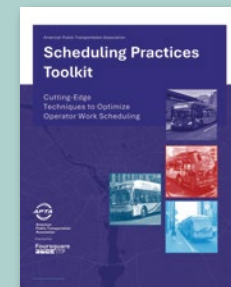
AMERICAN PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION FOUNDATION (APTF)

43 scholarships totaling more than \$342,000 awarded to students with high academic achievement, financial need, and interest in public transportation careers.

Nearly 450 scholarships totaling over \$2.3 million have been awarded by the APTF Board of Directors since the Foundation was established in 1988.



Leadership APTA Class of 2025



NEW OPERATOR SCHEDULING PRACTICES TOOLKIT

<https://www.apta.com/research-technical-resources/aptau/scheduling-practices-toolkit/>



Three-Year Strategic Plan

To effectively prepare for, manage, and succeed in a rapidly changing post-pandemic environment, APTA updated and expanded its Strategic Plan for FY2026-2028, reflecting our members' priorities and industry needs.

APTA'S UPDATED STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

APTA will work to advance the following strategic priorities for the next three years:



Advocating Aggressively for Sustained Investment in Public Transportation



Harnessing Innovations in Mobility and Technology



Evolving Procurement, Project and Service Delivery Models and Practices



Elevating Transit as a Career and the Transit Workforce



Enhancing Safety, Security, Resilience and Sustainability



Strengthening APTA's Reach, Impact and Influence

To help achieve these Strategic Priorities, APTA will leverage the following resources:

Committees and Working Groups, totaling more than 130 and covering every element of public transportation, will incorporate the Strategic Priorities into their annual workplans, mobilizing the power of thousands of experts and practitioners.

Conferences and Meetings will provide valuable content to help APTA members manage change and meet strategic goals.

Partnerships with major organizations that influence transit-related issues will expand APTA's ability to advance public transportation.

APTA's Annual Business Plan will use quantifiable metrics to assess our success in aligning the Strategic Plan with APTA's core functions.



Strategic Engagement Council

In 2025, APTA established the Strategic Engagement Council, whose mission is “to lead an open and supportive forum that fosters active engagement, advances excellence, and promotes collaboration between APTA members.”

APTA's objective is to create organizational environments that:

- are open to and supportive of everyone;
- engage APTA members and their employees at all levels;
- promote collaboration and respect; and
- foster excellence.

APTA Research

Research creates knowledge, insight, and new perspectives on a changing world. It spurs solutions and drives decisions for a better future.

APTA produced the following original research reports, distilling complex issues into usable, timely knowledge.

Impact of CDL Under-the-Hood Testing Requirement on Public Transit Agencies' Ability to Hire Bus Operators (November 2024)

A majority of transit agencies report that Commercial Driver's License (CDL) requirements are a major hiring obstacle, with the "under-the-hood" test being a significant challenge, especially for agencies transiting to electric zero-emission buses. This study led the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) to exempt public transit operators from the CDL "under-the-hood" rule.

Energy Tax Credits Guidebook (January 2025)

The Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) introduced "direct pay," the ability for transit agencies and other entities to claim tax credits in the form of cash benefits. APTA partnered with tax professionals to create an Energy Tax Credits Guidebook and an accompanying set of videos to help transit agencies apply for and claim relevant IRA tax credits.

Impacts of Spare Ratio Rules on Vehicle Availability (March 2025)

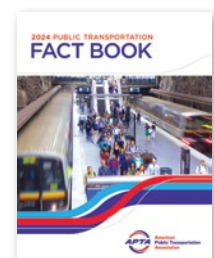
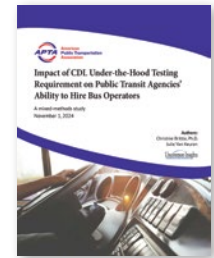
Public transit agencies have found it increasingly difficult to meet FTA's 20 percent spare ratio requirement. To better understand the challenges associated with the rule, APTA surveyed transit agency members and undertook an in-depth study of six agencies' specific situations. This report recommends best practices and policy changes.

Public Transportation Ridership Update (May 2025)

Public transportation's national ridership recovered to 85 percent of pre-pandemic levels in April 2025, according to APTA's Ridership Trends Dashboard. Bus and demand-response ridership led the recovery at 86 percent and 93 percent of 2019 levels, respectively. Nationwide, ridership totaled 7.7 billion trips in 2024, a 7 percent increase from 2023 to 2024.

2025 Public Transportation Fact Book (updated annually)

APTA's Public Transportation Fact Book contains national data covering all aspects of the public transportation industry in the United States and Canada. Major sections include an overview of U.S. transit facts, industry trends, finances, federal grants, and statistics by mode of travel and type of transit vehicle.



Technical Services

PROCUREMENT

In FY2025, APTA advanced several major initiatives to modernize procurement practices, some of which had not been updated in decades.

Standard Bus Procurement Guidelines

Following a review by a 70-member working group, APTA published a comprehensive update to the Standard Bus Procurement Guidelines, the most downloaded APTA standard, including new language on progress payments and price escalation.

Bus Manufacturing Task Force 2.0

Under the leadership of APTA Chair MJ Maynard-Carey, the Bus Manufacturing Task Force 2.0 is developing design recommendations to simplify and accelerate the procurement process and reduce costs.

Light Rail Vehicle Procurement Guidelines

Two new Standards Program working groups began updating the commercial terms and technical specifications for APTA's Light Rail Vehicle Procurement Guidelines.

General Terms & Conditions

The Procurement Committee of the Business Members Board of Governors is updating the General Terms & Conditions used for design, engineering, and construction contracts.

SAFETY

APTA committees and advisory groups updated standards and best practices to ensure the highest levels of transit safety.

ZEB Safety

APTA established a Zero-Emission Bus (ZEB) Safety Technical Advisory Group to develop safety standards for inclusion in the Bus Procurement Guidelines, addressing concerns about battery-electric bus (BEB) thermal events and ZEB safety risks.

Bus Safety Working Group

APTA's Bus Safety Working Group was re-established in partnership with the Bus Safety Committee. Its first priority is updating the Bus Operator Training Recommended Practice to serve as a key industry resource.

Monthly Safety Spotlight Webinars

APTA hosted 10 safety webinars, featuring guest speakers from FTA, FRA, transit agencies, commuter railroads, and other safety and regulatory organizations to share best practices and technical assistance.

STANDARDS PROGRAM

The APTA Standards Program was highly active in FY2025, updating APTA standards and supporting FTA's Transit Standards Program.

Publications

33 documents (6 new and 27 revised), including:

- *Transit De-Escalation Policy and Training*
- *Open Data and Open Loop Payments Standards for Transit*
- *Battery-Electric and Hydrogen Passenger Rail Equipment Safety*
- Updated Standard Bus Procurement Guidelines

TECHNOLOGY

To keep pace with rapid advances in Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML), APTA formed a new subcommittee within the Research & Technology Committee. The group led several presentations and developed recommendations for new standards.

Webinar topics

- AI Readiness and Risks
- Leveraging Generative AI for Operational and Urban Improvements
- Mitigating Risks in Generative AI



FARE COLLECTION INNOVATION

The Fare Collection Systems Committee helped modernize revenue management and improve equity. Priorities included: Leveraging technology to reach underserved populations while reducing cash use through mobile ticketing; AI-powered farebox optimization; and fare evasion strategies.

CYBERSECURITY

With growing connectivity and data dependence, cybersecurity was a core theme in 2025. APTA provided members with strategies for smarter defenses, data protection safeguards and resilience planning.



AUTONOMOUS & CONNECTED VEHICLES

The Subcommittee on Technologies for Vehicle Automation and Connectivity led the second U.S. AV tour for the Association of German Public Transportation Companies (VDV). Twenty delegates from eight German transit agencies visited the San Francisco Bay Area, May 13-15, 2025, to experience transit and robotaxi operations.

Delivering **EXCELLENCE**

EXCELLENCE is an attitude. A passion.

An essential element of who we are, not just what we do.



2024 APTA Honors Winners

2025 APTA Honors

The 2025 APTA Honors recognize public transportation organizations, businesses, and individuals whose leadership, innovation, and service have advanced mobility.

ORGANIZATION AWARDS

OUTSTANDING PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS

Monterey-Salinas Transit
Monterey, CA

*Three million or fewer annual
passenger trips*

**Metropolitan Regional
Transit Authority**
Akron, OH

*More than three million but fewer than
15 million annual passenger trips*

Utah Transit Authority
Salt Lake City, UT

*More than 15 million but fewer than
50 million annual passenger trips*

**Washington Metropolitan
Area Transit Authority**
Washington, DC

*50 million or more annual
passenger trips*

OUTSTANDING PARTNERSHIP IN PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

**Washington Metropolitan
Area Transit Authority**
Washington, DC

*In partnership with Kimley-Horn
and Foursquare Integrated
Transportation Planning*

INNOVATION AWARDS

Oklahoma Transit Association
Oklahoma City, OK

Established the Rolling Oklahoma Classroom, an adaptable, mobile, learning center designed to raise public awareness and train transit workers to identify and combat human trafficking, a complex issue in the transportation sector.

**New York Metropolitan Transportation
Authority Bridges and Tunnels**
New York, NY

Implemented New York’s Congestion Relief Zone, the nation’s first toll system designed to eliminate gridlock in one of the nation’s most congested cities and provide a sustainable revenue stream to improve and expand public transportation options for millions.

**Tri-County Metropolitan
Transportation District of Oregon**
Portland, OR

Created a low-cost, in-house, tamper resistant solution to fully prevent the theft of copper wire, a persistent industry challenge, thereby protecting rail infrastructure, improving safety, reducing costs, and enhancing reliability.

Sound Transit
Seattle, WA

Initiated the seven-mile, double-track East Link Project, the world’s only fixed-rail transit built on a floating bridge, creating an engineering first, a vital east-west connector within the Puget Sound region, and an alternative to the congested I-90.

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

Matthew Welbes,
Executive Director
Federal Transit Administration,
Washington, DC

OUTSTANDING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Kenneth A. McDonald, CEO
Long Beach Transit, Long Beach, CA

OUTSTANDING PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION BOARD MEMBER

David M. Stackrow,
Former Board Chair
Capital District Transportation
Authority, Albany, NY

OUTSTANDING PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION BUSINESS MEMBER

Buddy Coleman,
Chief Customer Officer and Principal
Clever Devices, Woodbury, NY

2025 APTA Hall of Fame Inductees



FRANK DIGIACOMO +

Frank DiGiacomo is admired not only for his achievements but for his character, commitment, and quiet leadership.

A respected member of the Business Member Board of Governors (BMBG), Frank chaired the group's Bylaws Committee and created the BMBG newsletter, *Business in Motion*, an influential voice for our industry.

He also helped shape important conversations by leading roundtable events, advancing APTA's strategic goals, and supporting funding efforts. Working behind the scenes, Frank was a valued mentor to transit professionals and business leaders.

Reflecting his commitment to public transit's future, Frank not only contributed to the American Public Transportation Foundation on behalf of his organization but also gave his personal time and financial support.

He was named APTA's Outstanding Business Member (2002) and honored by the National Association for Pupil Transportation with its 2014 Distinguished Service Award and 2016 Hall of Fame induction.

His leadership, dedication, and communication skills made Frank DiGiacomo one of the most respected and influential figures in both public transportation and business.

+ Awarded posthumously



MARK DONAGHY

Mark Donaghy's 45-year career in public transportation is defined by courage, integrity, and transformative leadership.

From launching ADA-accessible programs to co-founding the American Bus Benchmarking Group, Mark was deeply committed to equity, community, and operational excellence.

As CEO of the Greater Dayton RTA, he secured the first Federal Highway Administration civil rights ruling against a city for discrimination in transit access. This civil rights landmark in transportation civil rights history earned Mark the NAACP Lifetime Achievement Award.

In addition to leadership roles at transit agencies in six states, Mark served on APTA's Board, Legislative Committee, Bus and Paratransit CEOs Committee, and CEO Coordinating Council. He helped shape major surface transportation authorizations from TEA-21 to the FAST Act, and ensured transit systems of all sizes had a seat at the table.

A recipient of numerous honors, including APTA's award for Advancement of Minorities and Women in the Workplace, Mark Donaghy's impact on public transportation is measured not just in programs and policies, but in the people he empowered.



JEANNE KRIEG

Beginning her transit career in 1991 with the Eastern Contra Costa Transit Authority, known as Tri Delta Transit, Jeanne Krieg rose from an award-winning marketer to CEO in four years.

Jeanne grew Tri Delta Transit from a three-route operation with 13 buses into a regional system with 17 lines, 106 buses, and four distinct services. She introduced alternative fuels, real-time passenger information, and zero-emission technologies. She also built a workplace culture rooted in collaboration and advancement.

She served on APTA's Board, Executive Committee, CEO Coordinating Council, and many other groups, and she is the first Leadership APTA graduate to be inducted into the Hall of Fame.

Jeanne is the recipient of the 2024 WTS Katherine G. Johnson Trailblazer Award. Under her leadership, Tri Delta Transit was named the California Transit Association Small Operator of the Year (2021) and APTA's Outstanding Transportation System (2014).

Her enduring achievements and leadership style grounded in a commitment to the public good make Jeanne Krieg a model for all public transportation leaders.



FEYSAN LODDE

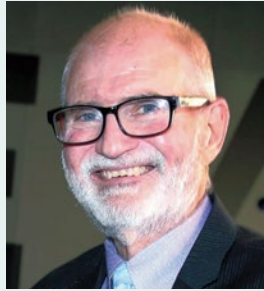
Feysan Lodde's impact on public transportation has been seminal. Nearly 50 years ago, she co-founded MV Transportation with a single paratransit van and a bold vision: to provide safe, dignified mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities.

Under her leadership, MV became the largest privately owned passenger transportation company in North America, delivering more than 100 million trips annually and showing that the private sector could meet public needs at a higher standard.

Feysan's commitment to equity and inclusion is embodied in her company's "people first" culture, championing workforce development and community partnerships. Her company has invested more than \$500,000 in education initiatives such as Leadership APTA.

A dedicated APTA member for more than 20 years, she helped shape accessibility standards, and her work has been recognized by the Conference of Minority Transportation Officials, Black Enterprise, and many others.

Feysan Lodde's vision has not just changed hundreds of thousands of lives by making opportunities accessible; she has changed the way we think about mobility for all.



WILLIAM R. MOONEY III +

Few people have shaped public transportation with the lasting impact of William R. Mooney III. During his 48-year career, Bill rose from a Police/Security Officer at the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) to become the agency's CEO.

As chief executive, Bill led some of CTA's most ambitious capital projects, including extending rail service to Chicago's airports and modernizing a fleet of over 1,700 railcars. During his stewardship, CTA achieved record ridership and the safest operational performance in its history.

Following his retirement from CTA, Bill continued to contribute to our industry through positions at major transportation companies and through his own firm.

He chaired APTA's Rail Standards Policy and Planning Committee for 12 years and served on numerous other committees. He also played pivotal roles in APTA peer reviews, including New York City's post-9/11 response.

Bill Mooney profoundly advanced transit's economic and social responsibilities. He mentored leaders, championed women and people of color for critical positions, expanded access to transit, and generously gave back to our industry with humility.



PETER VARGA

Peter Varga's 48-year career personifies the highest values of public service. From bus operator to CEO of the Interurban Transit Partnership (The Rapid) in Grand Rapids, Michigan, he redefined leading with purpose.

Under his 25-year leadership, The Rapid twice received APTA's Outstanding Public Transportation System Award (2004 and 2013). He introduced Michigan's first Bus Rapid Transit line, the nation's first LEED-certified transit building, and compressed natural gas buses.

Believing transit must be community-driven, he linked service expansion to job growth, making The Rapid an engine for economic opportunity. He invested in transit's human capital, promoting professional development and a teamwork culture.

As APTA Chair from 2013-2014, he launched his "Energize, Organize, Authorize" campaign, a rallying cry for surface transportation reauthorizations. His service to APTA also included roles on the Board, Executive Committee, and numerous working groups.

Peter Varga's career is a lesson in extraordinary achievements driven by service rather than self. By building smarter systems and stronger communities, he inspired a new generation of transit leaders.

+ Awarded posthumously

Safety, Security & Emergency Management

Safety is more than an operating principle. It is a core value and commitment to public transportation riders, employees, and communities.

The Excellence in Safety, Security, and Emergency Management awards recognize the rail and bus systems that exemplify the best of the best in our industry.





RAIL SAFETY AWARDS

GOLD WINNERS

Maryland Transit Administration
Baltimore, MD
Light Rail/Streetcar

**Metropolitan Transportation
Authority (MTA) New York City
Transit**
New York, NY
Heavy Rail

Caltrain
San Carlos, CA
Commuter Rail

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT WINNERS

MTA Metro-North Railroad
New York, NY
Commuter Rail

MTA Long Island Rail Road
New York, NY
Commuter Rail

**Santa Clara Valley
Transportation Authority**
Santa Clara, CA
Light Rail/Streetcar

RAIL SECURITY AWARDS

GOLD WINNERS

MTA Long Island Rail Road
New York, NY
Commuter Rail

**Tri-County Metropolitan
Transportation District of Oregon**
Portland, OR
Light Rail/Streetcar

**Washington Metropolitan Area
Transit Authority**
Washington, DC
Heavy Rail

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT WINNERS

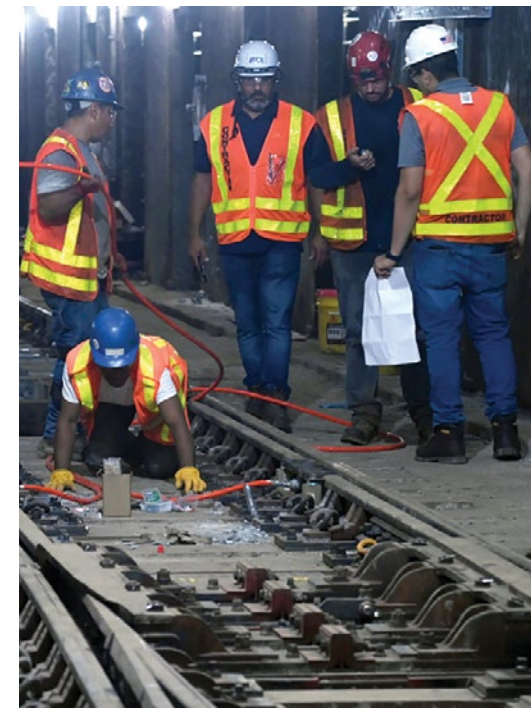
MTA Metro-North Railroad
New York, NY
Commuter Rail

**Connecticut Department
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Newington, CT
Commuter/Intercity Rail

RAIL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AWARD

GOLD WINNER

MTA Metro-North Railroad
New York, NY
Commuter Rail



BUS SAFETY AWARDS

GOLD WINNERS

San Joaquin Regional Transit District

Stockton, CA

Fewer than 3 million passenger trips annually

Jacksonville Transportation Authority

Jacksonville, FL

More than 3 million and fewer than 15 million passenger trips annually

Sacramento Regional Transit District

Sacramento, CA

More than 15 million and fewer than 50 million passenger trips annually

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT WINNERS

Corpus Christi Regional Transportation Authority

Corpus Christi, TX

More than 3 million and fewer than 15 million passenger trips annually

Orange County Transportation Authority

Orange, CA

More than 15 million and fewer than 50 million passenger trips annually

Toronto Transit Commission

Toronto, ON, Canada

More than 50 million passenger trips annually

BUS SECURITY AWARDS

GOLD WINNERS

San Joaquin Regional Transit District

Stockton, CA

Fewer than 3 million passenger trips annually

Foothill Transit

West Covina, CA

More than 3 million and fewer than 15 million passenger trips annually

Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada

Las Vegas, NV

More than 50 million passenger trips annually

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT WINNER

Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority / Metro

Cincinnati, OH

More than 3 million and fewer than 15 million passenger trips annually

BUS EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AWARDS

GOLD WINNERS

Foothill Transit

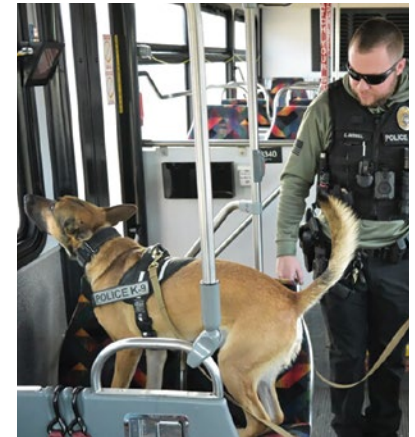
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Maryland Transit Administration

Baltimore, MD

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| 2025 International Bus Rodeo



Grand Champion winners representing the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority

The 2025 International Bus Rodeo, a competitive event recognizing the knowledge, skill, and professionalism of public transit bus operators and maintenance crews, took place in Austin, Texas, April 4-8, 2025.

A record number of participants — 75 bus operators, 52 maintenance teams, and 43 combined teams — demonstrated their abilities in a variety of driving, safety, and repair scenarios before a panel of independent judges.

GRAND CHAMPION

Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority
Los Angeles, CA

FIRST RUNNER UP

Oahu Transit Services, Inc.
Honolulu, HI

SECOND RUNNER UP

Jacksonville Transportation Authority
Jacksonville, FL

FIRST PLACE OPERATOR

Matt Chomjak
Community Transit
Everett, WA

SECOND PLACE OPERATOR

Douglas Rego
Oahu Transit Services, Inc.
Honolulu, HI

THIRD PLACE OPERATOR

Ramon Farfan
Jacksonville Transportation Authority
Jacksonville, FL

FIRST PLACE MAINTENANCE TEAM

Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority
Los Angeles, CA

SECOND PLACE MAINTENANCE TEAM

VIA Metropolitan Transit
San Antonio, TX

THIRD PLACE MAINTENANCE TEAM

Central Ohio Transit Authority
Columbus, OH

SPECIAL THANKS TO APTA'S

BUSINESS MEMBERS who sponsored individual maintenance competitions: Allison, Cummins, Custom Training Aids, Gillig, MCI/New Flyer, Thermo King, USSC, Vapor, Voith, and Wabtec.



Low emission buses from DART and Pierce Transit fleets

Sustainability Commitment

The APTA Sustainability Commitment program celebrates public transportation agencies and businesses that continuously advance environmental, social, and economic sustainability goals.



GOLD LEVEL

Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART)
Dallas, TX

Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) is advancing sustainability through strategic infrastructure upgrades and a long-standing commitment to clean energy.

In 2021, DART implemented comprehensive energy-saving measures that included installing LED lighting across all buildings, rail stations, and parking areas. In 2022, the agency began using electricity from renewable sources, and within two years had achieved 100 percent renewable electricity for all facilities and light rail operations.

DART's bus fleet uses 100 percent renewable compressed natural gas (CNG) fuel and produces 75 percent fewer emissions than gasoline or diesel-powered vehicles, contributing to cleaner air and a reduced carbon footprint.

SILVER LEVEL

Pierce Transit
Lakewood, WA

Since piloting its first CNG buses in 1986, sustainability has been at the forefront of how Pierce Transit serves the community. Total emissions have been reduced by 19 percent since 2017.

The agency created a Zero Emission Bus Transition Strategy to achieve 100 percent electrification of its revenue fleet by 2042 and transitioned its diesel fleet to 100 percent renewable diesel and its CNG fleet to RNG in 2023.

Other initiatives include recycling fluids and materials, opening a new fueling and bus washing facility that reduces wastewater by 90 percent, and installing energy-efficient lighting.

| AdWheel Grand Awards

The AdWheel Awards recognize APTA members’ most successful marketing, communications, and customer experience programs, providing an opportunity to share best practices and raise awareness about their value for the public transportation industry.

BEST MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS ON WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

San Joaquin Regional Transit District
Stockton, CA

Operator Recruitment Print Media
Fewer than 3 million passenger trips annually

Community Transit
Everett, WA

Video and Digital Advertising to Recruit Mechanics
More than 3 million and fewer than 15 million passenger trips annually

Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority
Austin, TX

CapMetro Recruiting – Comprehensive Campaign
More than 15 million and fewer than 50 million passenger trips annually

Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority
Atlanta, GA
MARTA Celebrates LGBTQ Employees – Comprehensive Campaign
More than 50 million passenger trips annually

RATP Dev
Fort Worth, TX
Veteran Recruiting Campaign
Business member

BEST MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS TO INCREASE RIDERSHIP OR SALES

Valley Regional Transit
Meridian, ID
“Let’s Ride, BOI” - Integrated Brand Awareness and Ridership Campaign
Fewer than 3 million passenger trips annually

RTC of Washoe County
Reno, NV
“Get on Board” – Social Media Campaign
More than 3 million and fewer than 15 million passenger trips annually

Sound Transit
Seattle, WA
Light Rail Expansion Campaign
More than 15 million and fewer than 50 million passenger trips annually

Toronto Transit Commission
Toronto, ON, Canada
“Swift Moves” – Comprehensive Campaign
More than 50 million passenger trips annually

Transit app
Montreal, QC, Canada
Celebrating the Public Transit Industry with Transit’s Riders Choice Awards
Business member

BEST MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVE

Mountain Line
Flagstaff, AZ
Passing of Prop 488 – Comprehensive Campaign
Fewer than 3 million passenger trips annually

Santa Cruz METRO
Santa Cruz, CA
One Ride at a Time Comprehensive Campaign
More than 3 million and fewer than 15 million passenger trips annually

Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority
Austin, TX
McKalla Station Launch
More than 15 million and fewer than 50 million passenger trips annually

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority
Washington, DC
WMATA Better Bus Network Redesign
More than 50 million passenger trips annually

Transit app
Montreal, QC, Canada
Campaign to Get Voters to the Polls
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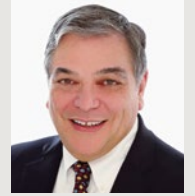
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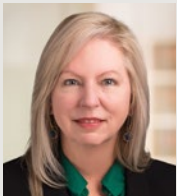
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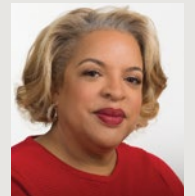
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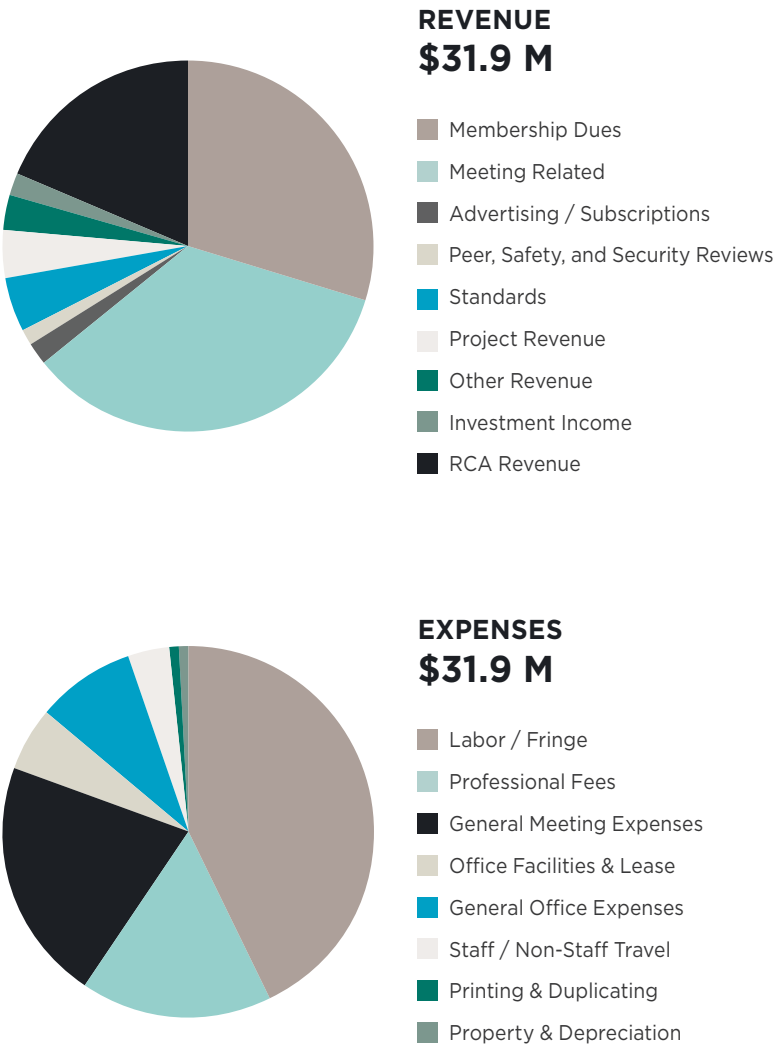
Ensuring Financial Stability

Every successful organization is built on sound financial practices and effective stewardship of its assets.

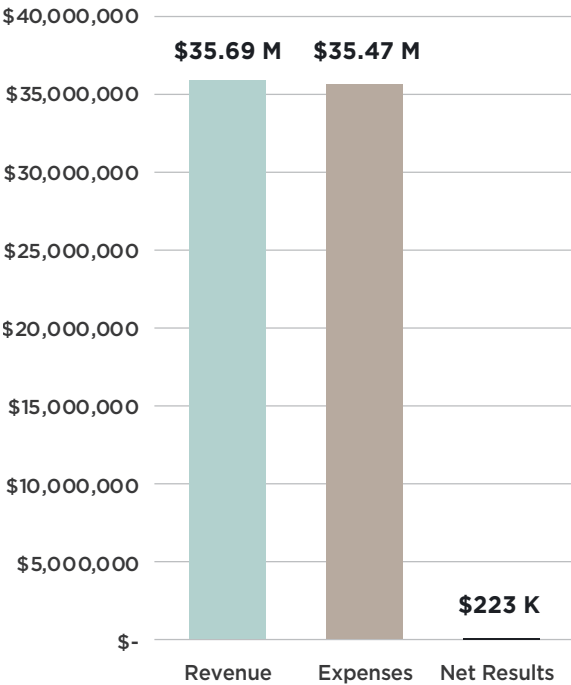
All that we do on behalf of our members depends on this fundamental foundation.

In FY2025, APTA continued to protect and strengthen its financial position, thereby ensuring exceptional service and sustained value for our members.

FY2025 BUDGET *



FY2025 YEAR-END REVENUE OVER EXPENSES *



* Fiscal Year 2025 data shown are provisional, unaudited results.

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