

# APTA Legislative Committee Meeting

October 9, 2022



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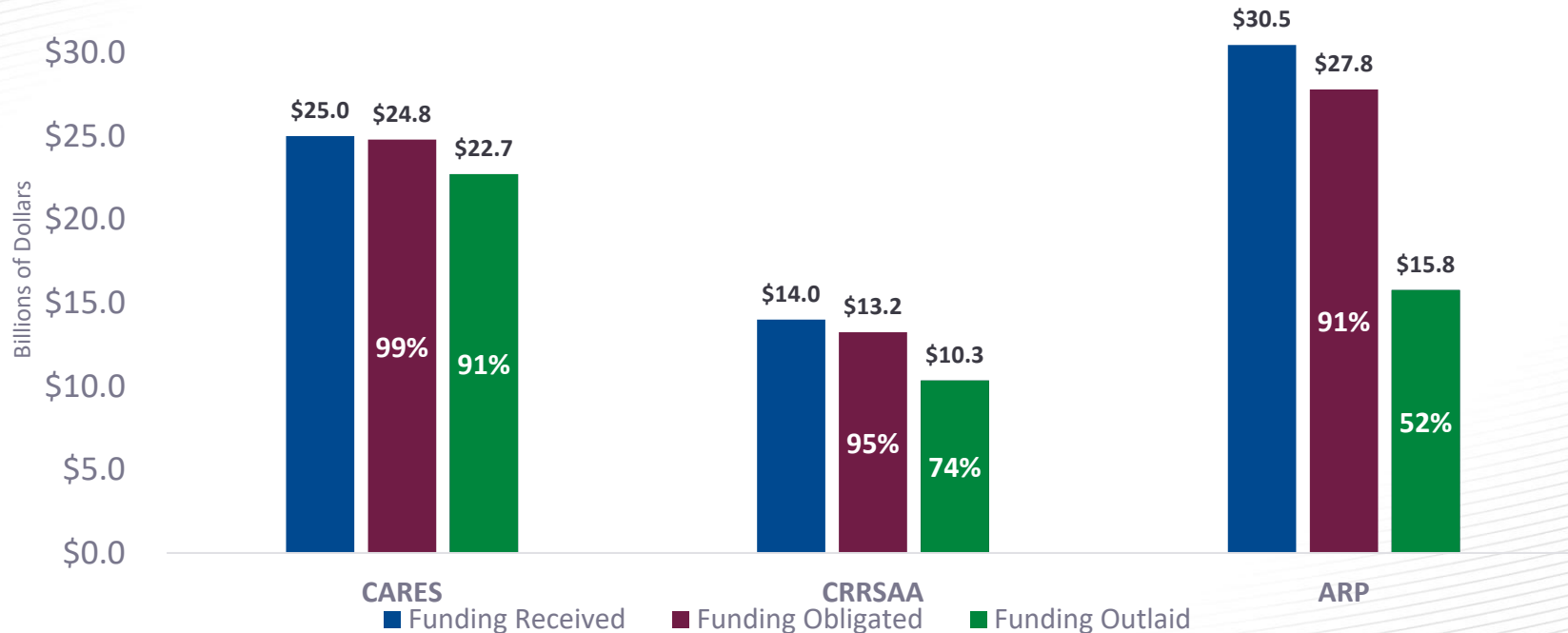
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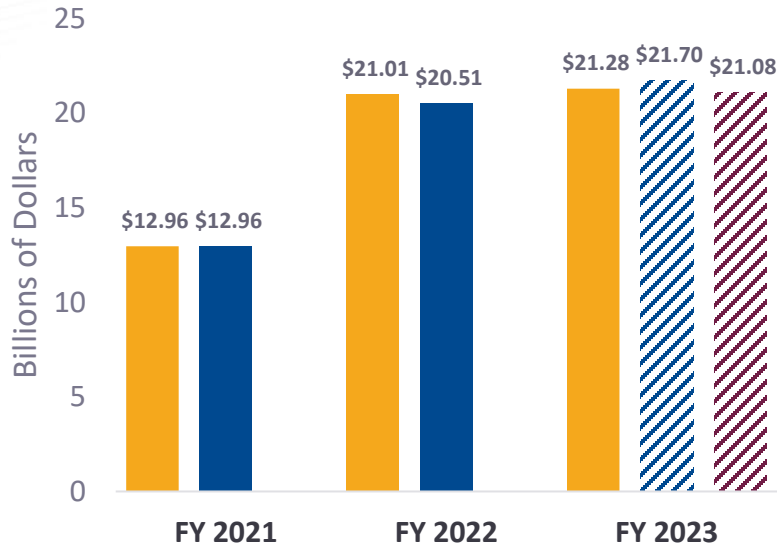
# COVID-19 Public Transit Funding

## 95 Percent of Funds Obligated and 70 Percent Outlaid

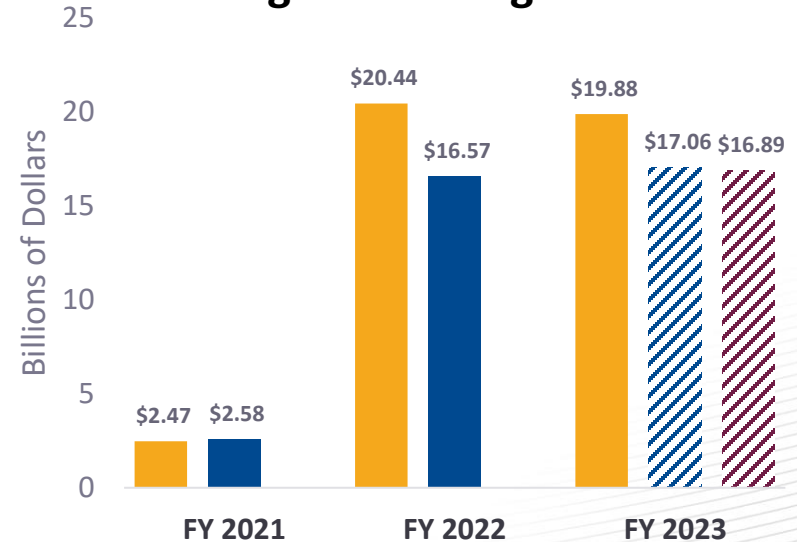


# Transportation (THUD) Appropriations Acts

## Public Transit



## Passenger and Freight Rail



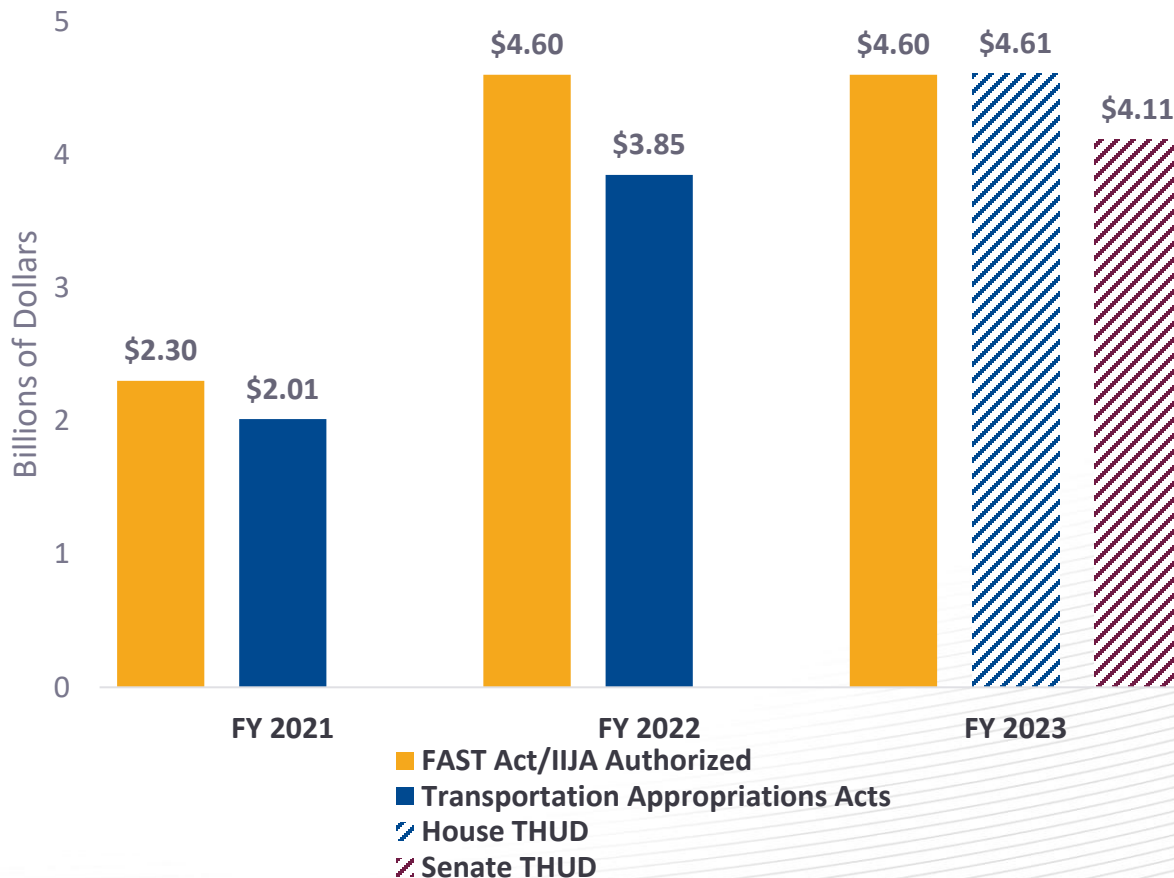
# CIG Project Pipeline

The CIG Pipeline includes  
**79 Projects** requesting **\$44 Billion**  
in additional CIG Funds:

- ✓ **38 Bus Rapid Transit;**
- ✓ **18 Light Rail;**
- ✓ **9 Heavy Rail;**
- ✓ **9 Commuter Rail; and**
- ✓ **5 Streetcar projects.**



## THUD CIG Appropriations



# Republican Letter on Appropriations

**“...Republicans must do what is necessary to ensure that not one additional penny will go toward this administration's radical, inflationary agenda....We, the undersigned, will oppose...any appropriations package put forward in the remaining months of this Democrat-led Congress.”**

*42 House Republicans, September 19, 2022*



September 19, 2022

Dear Colleague,

Federal dollars are fueling rampant inflation and funding the Biden administration's radical agenda. This includes empowering authoritarian bureaucrats at agencies like the IRS and FBI, implementing open-border policies that are threatening our communities, imposing COVID-19 mandates that shut down schools and are forcing our military servicemembers out of their jobs, and advancing self-destructive energy policies.

As the September 30<sup>th</sup> federal funding deadline approaches, Republicans must do what is necessary to ensure that not one additional penny will go toward this administration's radical, inflationary agenda. Any legislation that sets the stage for a “lame duck” fight on government funding gives Democrats one final opportunity to pass that agenda.

Therefore, we, the undersigned, will oppose any continuing resolution that expires prior to the first day of the 118<sup>th</sup> Congress, or any appropriations package put forward in the remaining months of this Democrat-led Congress.

Signed,

Chip Roy  
Member of Congress

Ralph Norman  
Member of Congress

Troy E. Nehls  
Member of Congress

Bob Good  
Member of Congress

Bill Posey  
Member of Congress

Mary E. Miller  
Member of Congress

Tom Tiffany  
Member of Congress

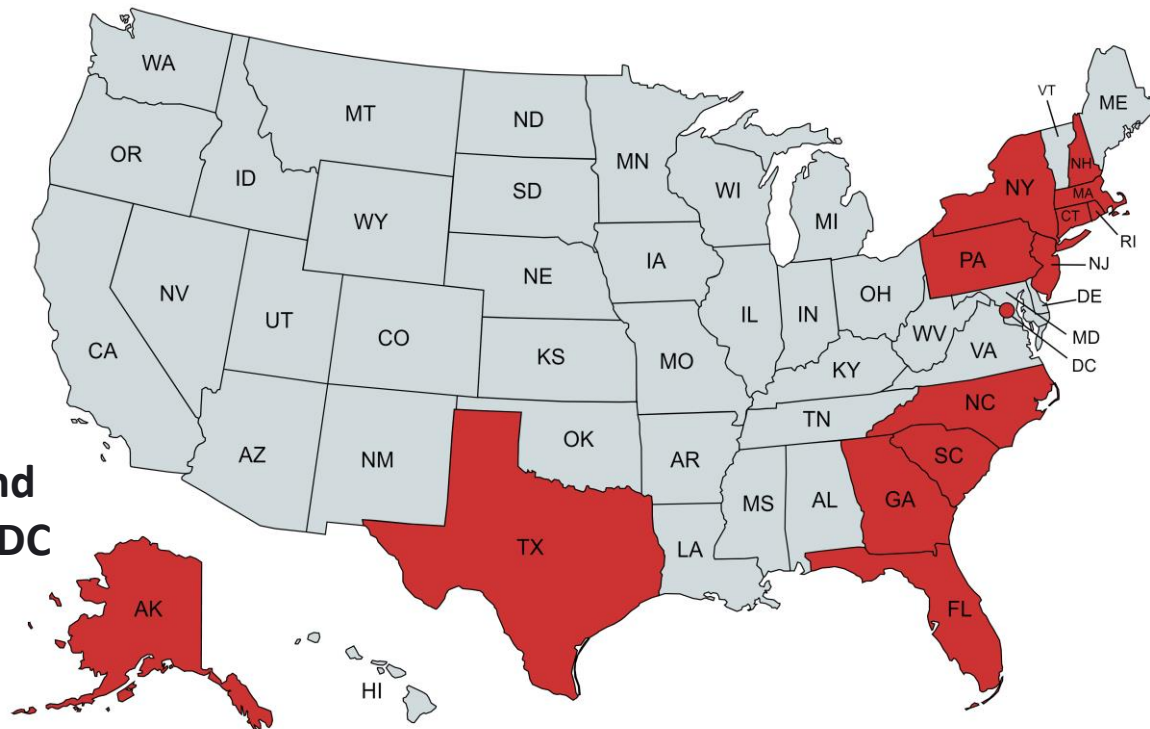
W. Gregory Steube  
Member of Congress

Andy Biggs  
Member of Congress



# Public Transit Emergency Relief Natural Disasters 2012 - 2022

Since 2012,  
Congress has  
provided  
**\$11.2 billion**  
of transit ER  
funding to  
**13 States, 3  
Territories, and  
Washington, DC**



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# APTA Public Transit Emergency Relief Request—At Least \$129 million

- ✓ **Bi-State Development Agency (St. Louis, MO)—Missouri Flooding (July 2022)**
  - ❖ **Identified Need: \$40.4 million**, Repair damage to signal houses, light-rail vehicles, station elevators, and track bed
  
- ✓ **New York MTA (New York, NY)—Hurricane Ida and other Disasters (2020 – 2021)**
  - ❖ **Identified Need: \$87.5 million**, Repair damage to facilities and harden infrastructure for flash floods
  
- ✓ **Chatham Area Transit Auth. (Savannah, GA)— Candler County Earthquake (June 2022)**
  - ❖ **Identified Need: \$1 million**, Repair damage to ferry ramp and dock

# IIJA Competitive Grant Awards

Program	Eligible Projects	Amounts	Award Date
<b>RAISE Grants</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Local and Regional Projects Assistance Grants</li><li>• Transit and passenger rail projects</li></ul>	\$2.3 billion	August 11
<b>FTA Low and No Emission Bus Grants</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Purchasing or leasing low- or no-emission buses and facilities</li></ul>	\$1.1 billion	August 16
<b>FTA Bus and Bus Facilities Grants</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Replacing, rehabilitating, or purchasing buses, equipment, and facilities</li></ul>	\$547 million	August 16
<b>INFRA Grants</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Intercity passenger rail and grade-crossing projects</li></ul>	\$1.5 billion	Sept. 15
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$5.5 billion</b>	

# IIJA Pending NOFOs

Program	Eligible Projects	Amounts	Application Deadline
<b>Mega and Rural Transportation Grants</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Transit projects that are part of an eligible project</li><li>• Integrated mobility management or on-demand mobility service projects (Rural Trans. Grants)</li></ul>	\$1.3 billion	May 23
<b>Transit-Oriented Development</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Integrating land use and transportation planning projects</li></ul>	\$13 million	July 25
<b>University Transportation Center (UTC) Grants</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Establishing and operating UTCs</li></ul>	\$80 million	August 25
<b>FTA Ferry Programs</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Purchasing and rehabilitating passenger ferries, including electric or now-emitting ferries and ferries that serve rural areas</li></ul>	\$295 million	Sept. 6
<b>Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grants</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Carrying out projects and strategies identified in Comprehensive Safety Action Plan</li></ul>	\$1 billion	Sept. 15
<b>Continued...</b>			

# IIJA Pending NOFOs

Program	Eligible Projects	Amounts	Application Deadline
All Stations Accessibility Program (ASAP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Upgrading accessibility of Legacy Rail systems for people with disabilities</li></ul>	\$350 million	October 7
Railroad Crossing Elimination Grants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>New grade-crossing improvement projects (including commuter rail)</li></ul>	\$573 million	October 11
Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Mitigating highways or other transportation facilities that create community barriers</li></ul>	\$195 million	October 13
Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) Grant Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Projects focused on technology that improves transportation efficiency and safety in communities</li></ul>	\$100 million	Nov. 18
Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Improving intercity passenger and freight rail systems</li></ul>	\$1.4 billion	Dec. 1
Total		\$5.3 billion	

# IIJA Upcoming 2022 NOFOs

Program	Eligible Projects	Amounts	Expected
<b>Rail Vehicle Replacement Program</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Replacing rail rolling stock under State of Good Repair Grants Program</li></ul>	\$300 million	October
<b>Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Intercity passenger rail projects</li></ul>	\$7.3 billion	October (NN) December (NEC)
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$7.6 billion</b>	

# Inflation Reduction Act (IRA)

## ✓ Extends and Creates Clean Vehicle & Fuel Tax Credits

- ❖ Extends Alternative Fuel Excise Tax Credits
- ❖ Restructures Alternative Fuel Infrastructure Tax Credit
- ❖ Creates Commercial Clean Vehicle Tax Credit

## ✓ Provides New Climate & Equity Investments

- ❖ EPA Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (\$27 billion)
- ❖ DOT Neighborhood Access and Equity Grants (\$3 billion)
- ❖ DOT Low-Carbon Transportation Materials Grants (\$2 billion)

# Key IJA and IRA Implementation Issues

## ✓ Capacity

- ❖ Financial Capacity (e.g., Local Match)
- ❖ Workforce Capacity (All Sectors)

## ✓ Project Delivery, Supply Chain, and Cost Escalation

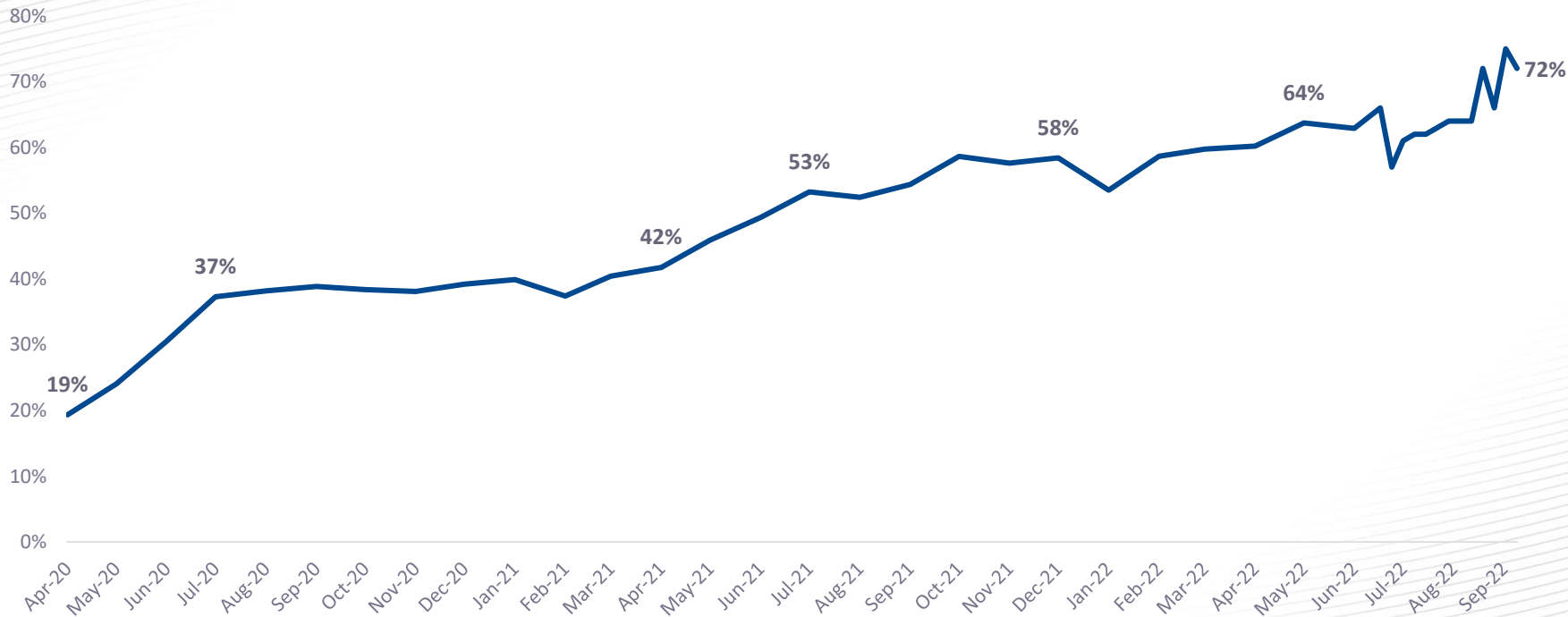
## ✓ Build America, Buy America Implementation

- ❖ Construction Materials



# Public Transit Ridership

2020-2022 Compared to 2019



# White House Accelerating Infrastructure Virtual Summit



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

**Thursday, October 13, 2022**

**8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. ET**

**Webinar RSVP Below**



# APTA's Smart Guide



The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) (P.L. 117-58), commonly referred to as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), makes historic investments in our nation's public transportation infrastructure that will shape our future for decades to come. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law provides more than **\$108 billion** for public transit and **\$102 billion** for commuter rail, Amtrak, other high-performance passenger rail, and freight rail over the next five years. These bold investments in public transportation will help our communities and nation tackle climate change, advance equity, meet growing and evolving mobility demands, and create jobs. With enactment of the IIJA, the public transportation industry is uniquely positioned to address these challenges head on.

**APTA's Smart Guide to the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law** provides information and resources to aid members in navigating the many aspects of this new law. It includes APTA's summaries, funding and formula apportionment tables, and detailed section-by-section analyses of the public transit, passenger rail, Buy America, and other important titles of the IIJA. It also includes U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) formula apportionments, guidance, memoranda, regulations, and competitive grant opportunities. We continuously update the Smart Guide as more information about the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and DOT grant opportunities becomes available.

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## National Performance Management Measures; Assessing Performance of the National Highway System, Greenhouse Gas Emissions Measure

### Cite and link to the new requirement:

FHWA, National Performance Management Measures; Assessing Performance of the National Highway System, Greenhouse Gas Emissions Measure

[2022-14679.pdf \(govinfo.gov\)](#)

### Type of requirement:

Notice of Proposed Rulemaking

### Summary of requirement in 25 words or less:

FHWA proposes to amend its regulations governing national performance management measures to require State departments of transportation and metropolitan planning organizations to establish declining carbon dioxide targets and to establish a method for the measurement and reporting of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions associated with transportation. The proposed rule would not mandate the level of the targets. Rather, State DOTs and MPOs would have flexibility to set targets that are appropriate for their communities as long as the targets would reduce emissions over time. The proposed rule would also require MPOs serving urbanized areas with multiple MPOs to establish additional joint targets.

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## How is it enforced by FTA, DOT, Direct grant requirement, triennial review or other?

FHWA enforces this requirement through its Federal-aid highway program.

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## Is there a cost or time impact to grantees (best estimate):

The costs of this proposal are primarily labor costs associated with reporting GHG performance measures. FHWA believes the proposed measure has an estimated total 10-year costs of \$11,022,835 at a 7% discount rate and \$12,887,491 at a 3% discount rate.

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## APTA actions to date:

APTA staff advisor is held a listening session September 12 to collect comments.

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## Staff Advisors:

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## Committee(s):

Sustainability Committee

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# Transit Workforce Shortage

Root Causes, Potential Solutions, and the Road Ahead



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# Widespread Shortage

96%



Experiencing Shortage

84%



Shortage Affecting Service





# Shortage Cause: Retirements



24%

of departing workers

34%

at rural agencies

43%

are over 55

# Shortage Cause: Competition

Unemployment



Churn



Other Transportation Jobs



# Shortage Cause: The Jobs



**Schedules**

**Compensation**



# Hiring Issues

Drug and Alcohol Testing

Background Checks

CDL Process

Attrition During Hiring/Onboarding



# Agency Responses



55%

Increasing starting pay

43%

Paying hiring bonuses

50%

Paying referral bonuses

# Recommendations

Improve work schedules

Create positive work environment

Clarify promotions/raises

Ensure worker safety

Provide ongoing training





# Recommendations: Hiring



**Emphasize Benefits**

**Increase hiring effectiveness**

**Increase recruiting effectiveness**

# Regulatory Changes

**Expedite CDL processes**

**Evaluate drug-use rules**

**Workforce development**

**Educational relationships**



# Next Steps

**Report Release Monday**

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**Deep Dive: Agency Successes**

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