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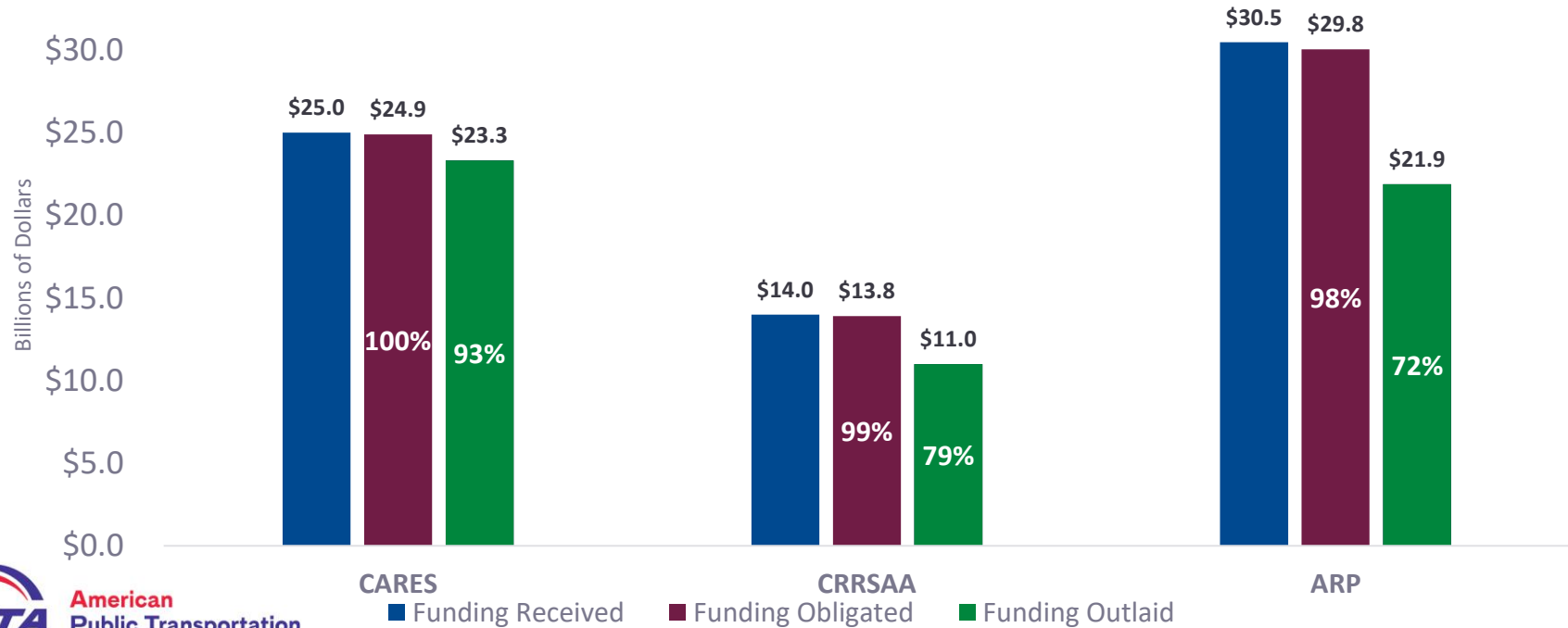
# Legislative Update



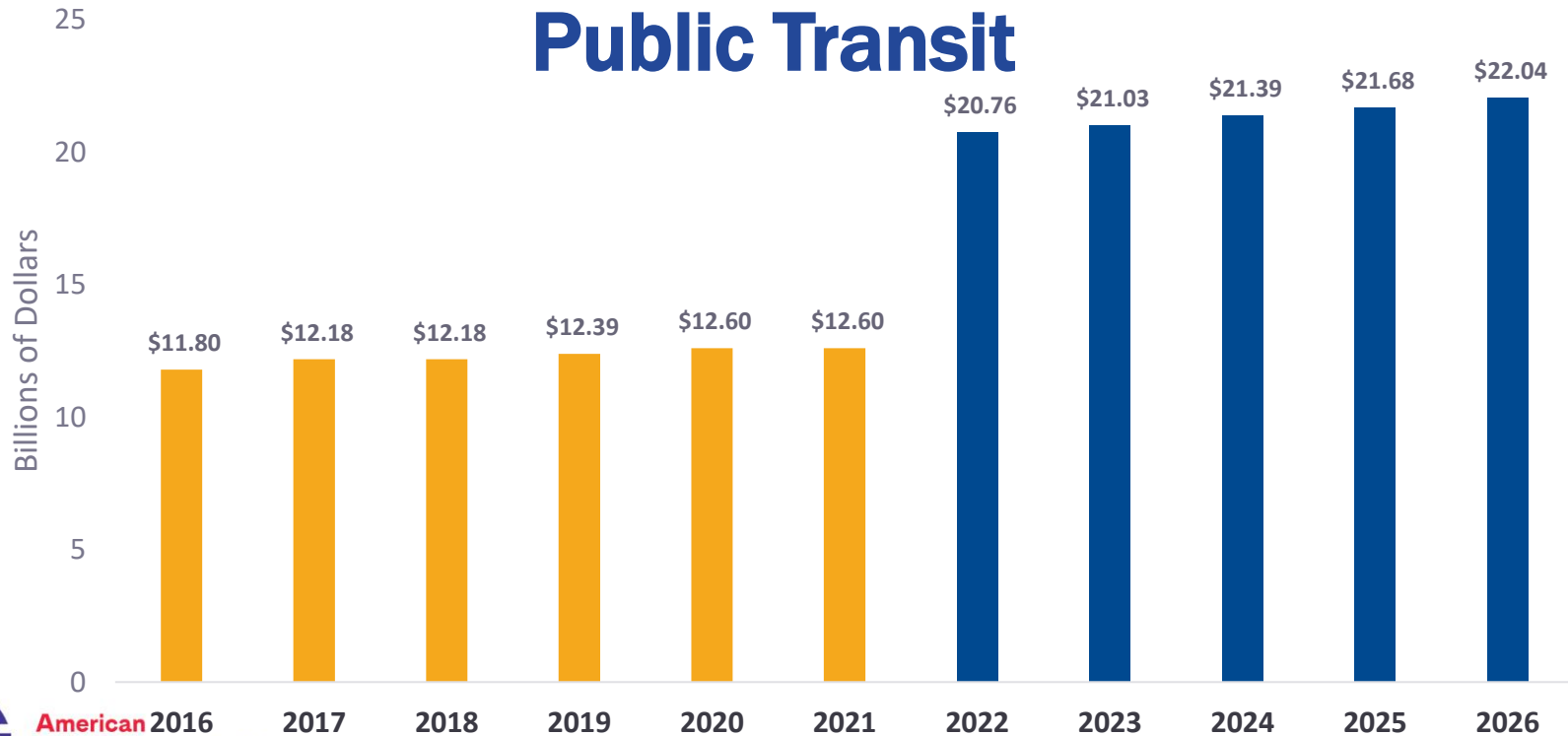
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# COVID-19 Public Transit Funding

99 Percent of Funds Obligated and 81 Percent Outlaid

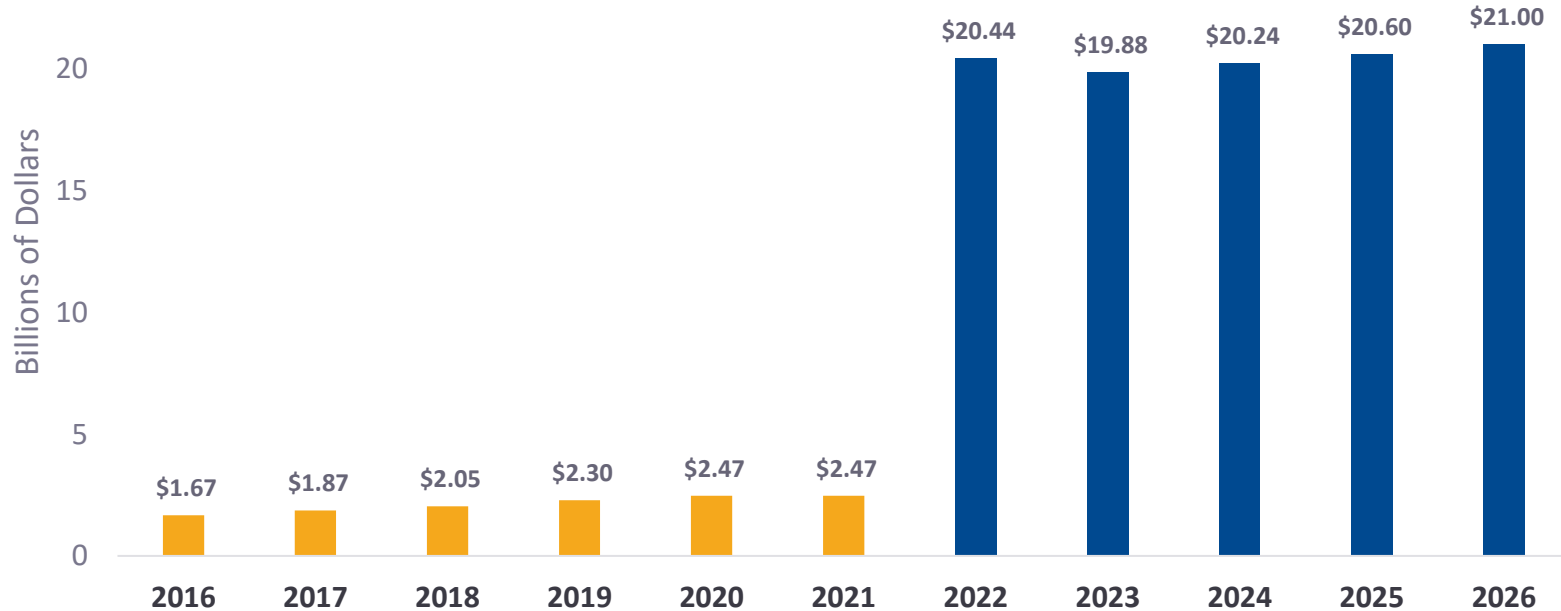


# Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Public Transit



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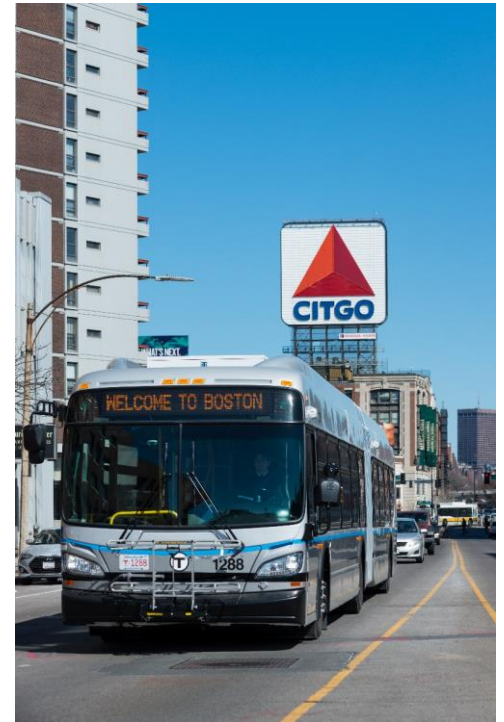
# Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Passenger and Freight Rail





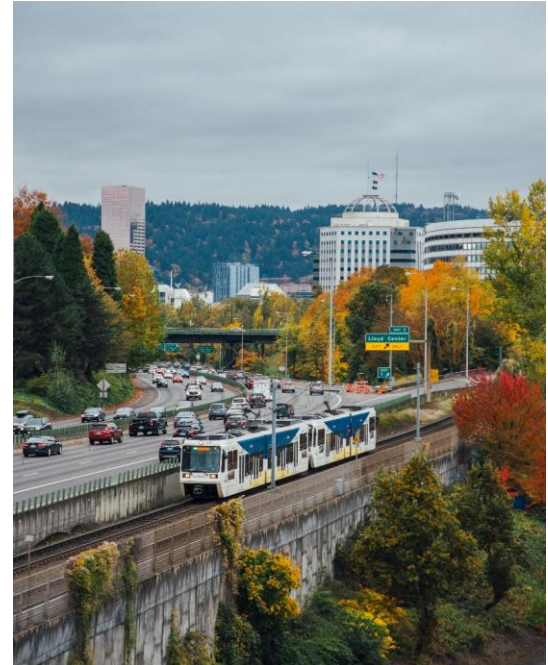
# APTA Policy Recommendations Enacted Into Law

- ✓ Increase Small Transit Intensive Cities (STIC) set-aside from two percent to three percent (IIJA)
- ✓ Increase maximum federal and total estimated net capital costs for Small Start projects (IIJA)
- ✓ Extend the time period for Core Capacity projects to be at or over capacity from five years to 10 years (IIJA)
- ✓ Strike the requirement for New Start and Core Capacity project sponsors to complete a Before and After Study and require the Government Accountability Office to provide Congress a biannual report that analyzes the impacts of New Starts and Core Capacity projects on public transportation services and ridership (IIJA)
- ✓ Expand the use of warrants for CIG (IIJA)
- ✓ Establish a CIG Program Pipeline Dashboard (IIJA)
- ✓ Reduce the required period of notification to Congress before issuing a letter of intent, entering into an FFGA, or entering into an early systems work agreement (IIJA)
- ✓ Add eligibility for commuter rail projects in Railroad Crossing Elimination Program (IIJA)
- ✓ Increase funding for the Transit Cooperative Research Program (TCRP) (IIJA)
- ✓ Fund FTA administrative salaries from the Mass Transit Account rather than the General Fund to allow FTA employees to continue many of their functions in the event of a government shutdown (IIJA)



# APTA Policy Recommendations Enacted Into Law

- ✓ Enact a long-term surface transportation authorization act to bring transit systems to a state of good repair and meet growing community demands for increased mobility choices (IIJA)
- ✓ Reestablish a 40-40-20 capital investment ratio among the Capital Investment Grants, State of Good Repair, and Buses and Bus Facilities programs (IIJA)
- ✓ Seek alternative, long-term solutions to the Highway Trust Fund that maintain a user-fee nexus, including establishing a national pilot program for VMT fees (IIJA)
- ✓ Repeal FAST Act Contract Authority Rescission
- ✓ Repeal the provision in the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act that creates new tax liabilities for tax-exempt entities that offer transportation benefits
- ✓ Reauthorize the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise program for federally assisted public transportation and passenger rail projects
- ✓ Raise cap on Private Activity Bonds (PABs) above \$15 billion (IIJA)
- ✓ Grant expedited TIFIA credit reviews to low-risk candidates (IIJA)
- ✓ Authorize federal funds for credit risk premiums to leverage RRIF loan assistance (IIJA)
- ✓ Permanently extend eligibility for TOD projects for RRIF loans and loan guarantees (IIJA)
- ✓ Require DOT to repay the credit risk premium for recipients that have satisfied all obligations that attached to RRIF loans (IIJA)



# IIJA 2022 Competitive Grant Awards

Program	Eligible Projects	Amounts	Award Date
<b>RAISE Grants (FY 2022)</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 (FY 2022)</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 (FY 2022)</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 (FY 2022)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Intercity passenger rail and grade-crossing projects</li></ul>	\$1.5 billion	Sept. 15
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# IIJA 2022 Competitive Grant Awards

Program	Eligible Projects	Amounts	Award Date
Transit-Oriented Development (FY 2022)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Development around transit stations to create compact, mixed-use communities with easy access to jobs and services</li></ul>	\$13 million	Nov. 17
All Stations Accessibility Program (ASAP) (FY 2022 – FY 2023)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Upgrading accessibility of Legacy Rail systems for people with disabilities</li></ul>	\$686 million	Dec. 19
Rural Transportation Grants (FY 2022)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Improve and expand surface transportation infrastructure in rural areas</li></ul>	\$274 million	Dec. 21
FTA Ferry Programs (FY 2022)	<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>	\$384 million	January 26
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# IIJA 2022 Competitive Grant Awards

Program	Eligible Projects	Amounts	Award Date
<b>Mega Grants (FY 2022)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Transit projects that are part of an eligible project</li></ul>	\$1.2 billion	January 31
<b>Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grants (FY 2022)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Carrying out projects and strategies identified in Comprehensive Safety Action Plan</li></ul>	\$800 million	February 1
<b>University Transportation Center (UTC) Grants (FY 2022-2026)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Establishing and operating UTCs</li></ul>	\$435 million	February 21
<b>Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program (FY 2022)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mitigating highways or other transportation facilities that create community barriers</li></ul>	\$185 million	February 28
<b>Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) Grant Program (FY 2022)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Projects focused on technology that improves transportation efficiency and safety in communities</li></ul>	\$94 million	March 21
<b>Continued</b>			

# IIJA 2022 Competitive Grant Awards

Program	Eligible Projects	Amounts	Award Date
<b>Rail Vehicle Replacement Program (FY 2022)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Replacing rail rolling stock under State of Good Repair Grants Program</li> </ul>	\$703 million	May 5
<b>Railroad Crossing Elimination (RCE) Grants (FY 2022)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New grade-crossing improvement projects (including commuter rail)</li> </ul>	\$573 million	June 5
<b>FTA Bus and Bus Facilities Grants (FY 2023)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Replacing, rehabilitating, or purchasing buses, equipment, and facilities</li> </ul>	\$473 million	June 26
<b>FTA Low and No Emission Bus Grants (FY 2023)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Purchasing or leasing low- or no-emission buses and facilities</li> </ul>	\$1.2 billion	June 26
<b>Raise Grants (FY 2023)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Local and Regional Projects Assistance Grants</li> <li>Transit and passenger rail projects</li> </ul>	\$2.2 billion	June 28
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$14.7 billion</b>	

# IIJA 2022-2023 Pending NOFOs

Program	Eligible Projects	Amounts	Application Deadline
<b>Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) (FY 2022)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Improving intercity passenger and freight rail systems</li></ul>	\$1.4 billion	December 1
<b>Culvert Aquatic Organism Passage (AOP) (FY 2022)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Replacement, removal, and repair of culverts or weirs</li></ul>	\$196 million	February 6
<b>Areas of Persistent Poverty (AoPP) Program (FY 2023)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Projects focused on improving transit in areas experiencing long-term economic distress</li></ul>	\$20 million	March 10
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# IIJA 2022-2023 Pending NOFOs

Program	Eligible Projects	Amounts	Application Deadline
Corridor Identification and Development Program (FY 2022)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Guiding Intercity passenger rail development and creating a pipeline of projects ready for implementation</li></ul>	\$5 million	March 20
Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail (NEC) (FY 2022 – FY 2023)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Intercity passenger rail projects on the Northeast Corridor</li></ul>	\$9 billion	March 27
Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail (NN) (FY 2022)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Intercity passenger rail projects on the National Network</li></ul>	\$4.6 billion	April 21
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# IIJA 2022-2023 Pending NOFOs

Program	Eligible Projects	Amounts	Application Deadline
<b>Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) Program</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase publicly accessible EV charging and alternative-fueling infrastructure</li> </ul>	\$700 million	May 30
<b>Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grants (FY 2023)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carrying out projects and strategies identified in Comprehensive Safety Action Plan</li> </ul>	\$1.2 billion	July 10
<b>FTA Ferry Programs (FY 2023)</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>	\$220 million	July 17
<b>Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost Saving Transportation (PROTECT) (FY 2023)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supporting planning, resilience improvements, community resilience and evacuation routes, and at-risk coastal infrastructure</li> </ul>	\$848 million	August 18
<b>Multimodal Project Discretionary Grants: (Mega, INFRA, Rural Transportation) (FY 2023)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transit projects that are part of an eligible project</li> <li>• Intercity passenger rail and grade-crossing projects</li> <li>• Improve and expand surface transportation infrastructure in rural areas</li> </ul>	\$5.6 billion	August 21
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$23.7 billion</b>	

# IIJA 2023 Upcoming NOFOs

Program	Eligible Projects	Amounts	Opening Date
Transit Oriented Development Program (FY 2023)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Development around transit stations to create compact, mixed-use communities with easy access to jobs and services</li></ul>	TBD	Spring
Thriving Communities Program (FY 2023)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Facilitates planning and development for disadvantaged communities' revitalization activities and the tools to access federal grants</li></ul>	TBD	Spring
Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program (FY 2023)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Mitigating highways or other transportation facilities that create community barriers</li></ul>	TBD	Late Spring
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# IIJA 2023 Upcoming NOFOs

Program	Eligible Projects	Amounts	Opening Date
Railroad Crossing Elimination Grants (FY 2023)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>New grade-crossing improvement projects (including commuter rail)</li></ul>	TBD	Summer
Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) (FY 2023)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Improving intercity passenger and freight rail systems</li></ul>	TBD	Fall
Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) Program (FY 2023)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Projects focused on technology that improves transportation efficiency and safety in communities</li></ul>	TBD	Fall
Culvert Aquatic Organism Passage (AOP) (FY 2023)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Replacement, removal, and repair of culverts or weirs</li></ul>	TBD	Winter 2023-2024

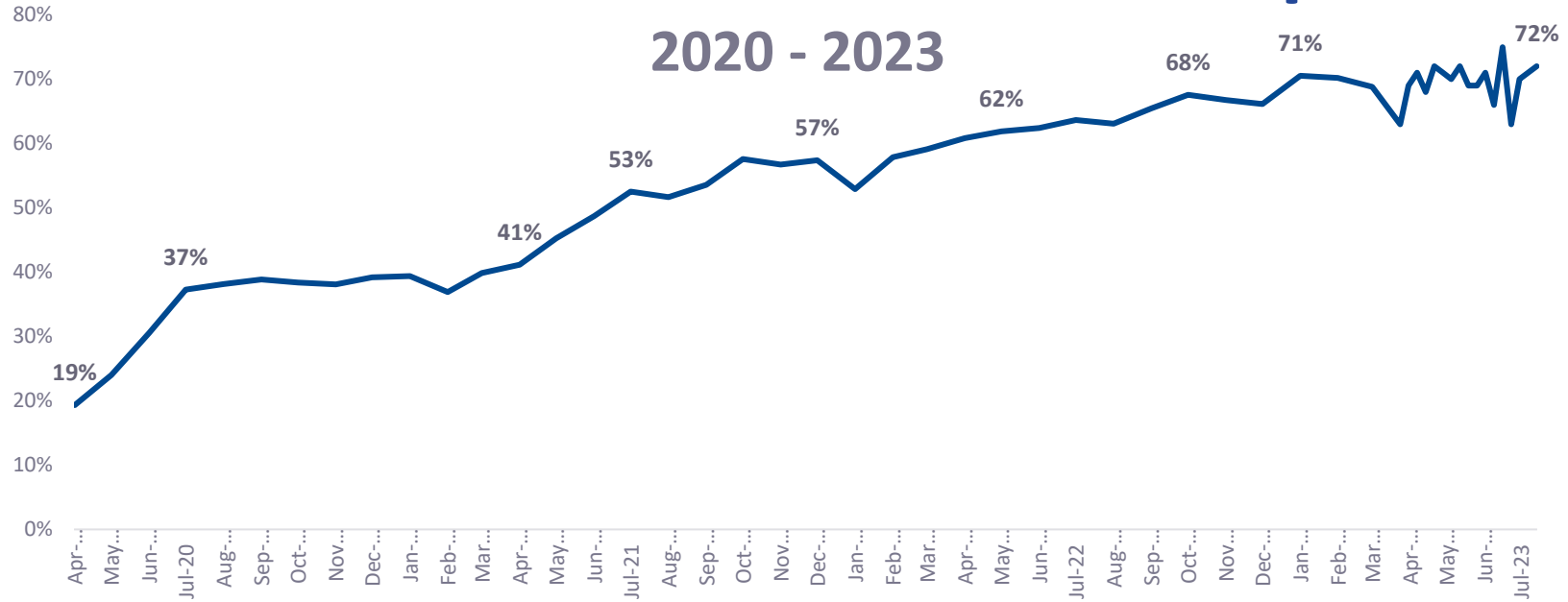
# Key IIJA Implementation Challenges

- ✓ **Capacity**
  - ❖ Financial Capacity (e.g., Local Match, Fiscal Cliff)
  - ❖ Workforce Capacity (All Sectors)
- ✓ **Project Delivery, Supply Chain, and Cost Escalation**
- ✓ **Build America, Buy America Implementation**
  - ❖ Construction Materials



# U.S. Public Transit Ridership

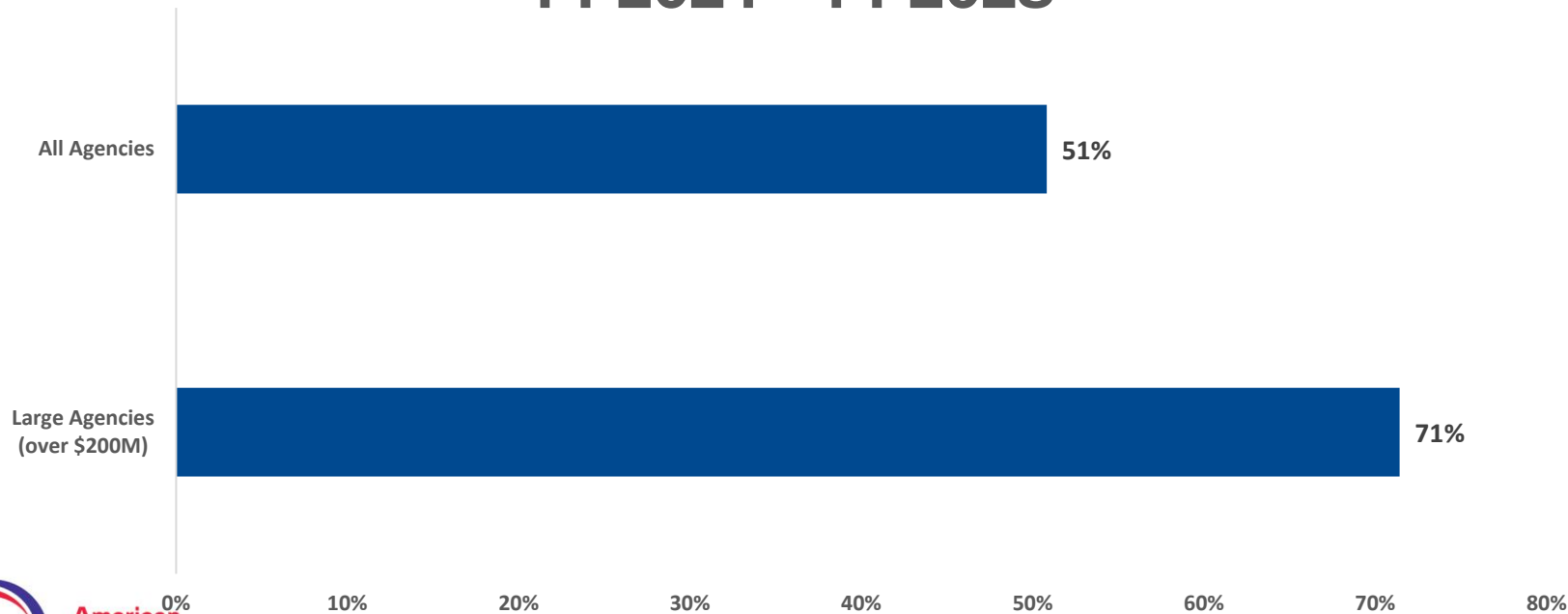
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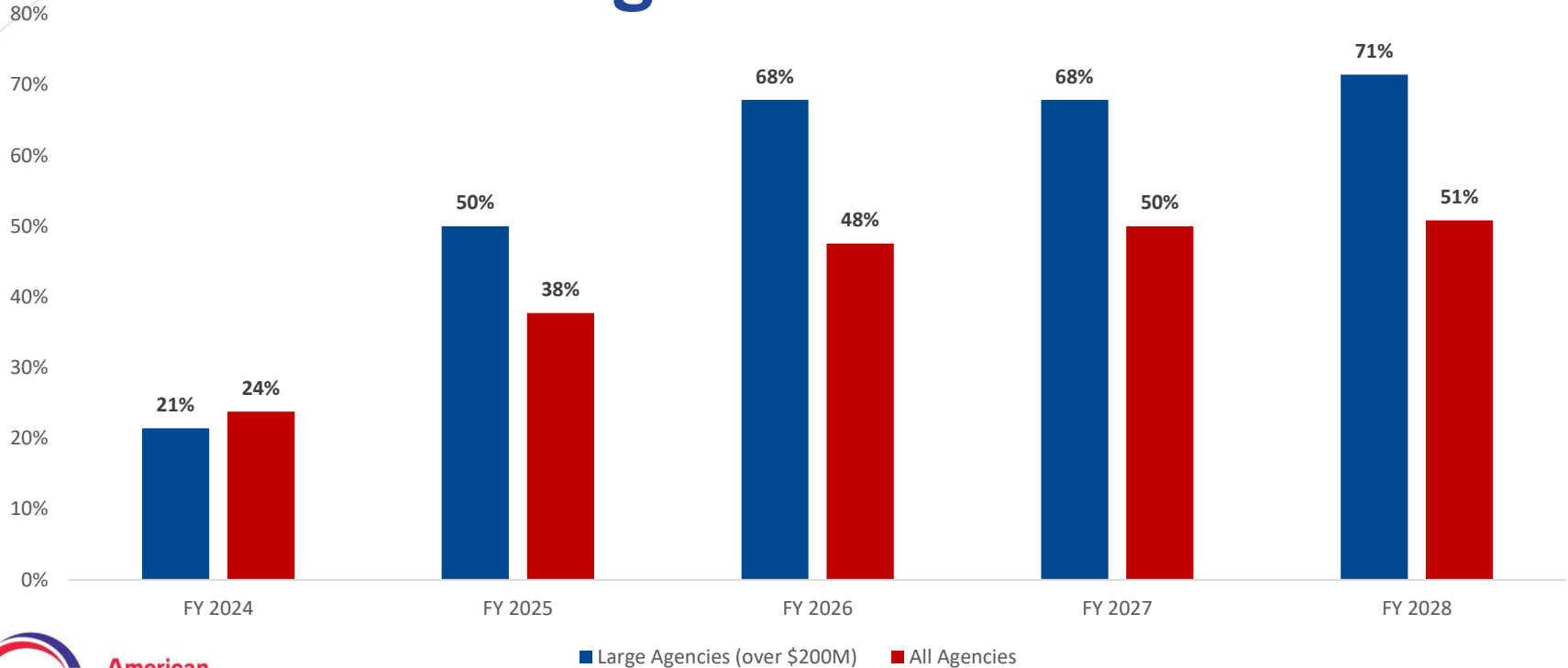


# Transit Agencies Experiencing Fiscal Cliff

## FY 2024 – FY 2028

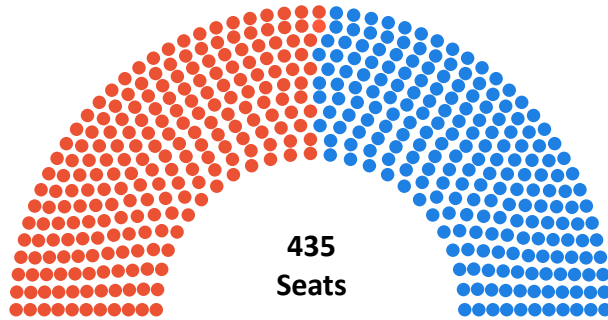


# Fiscal Cliff Will Begin in This Fiscal Year or Prior



# 118<sup>th</sup> Congress

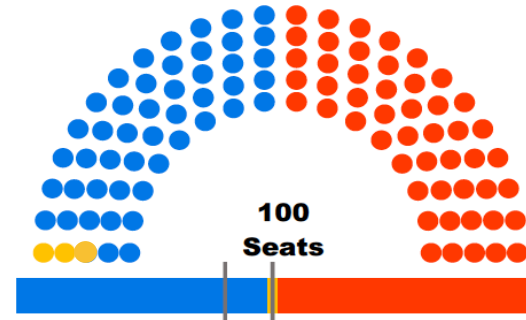
## House



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## Senate



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*\*3 Independents*



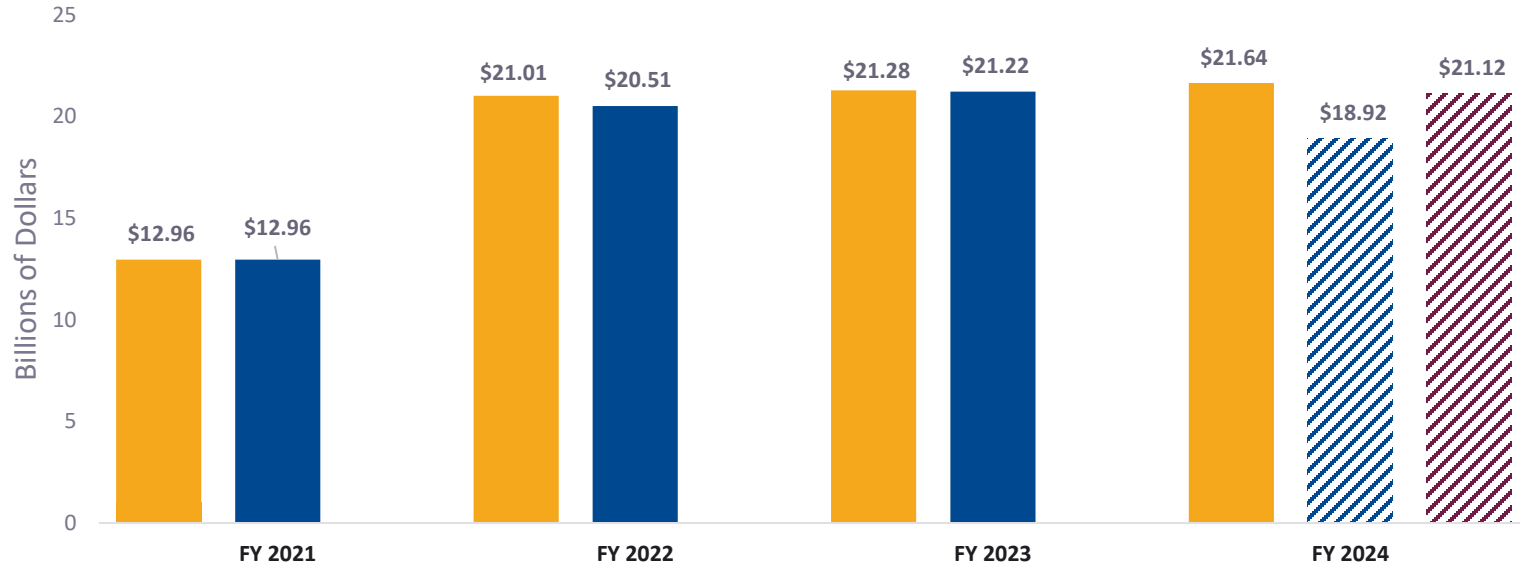
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# P.L. 118-5, the Fiscal Responsibility Act

- ✓ Suspends the Debt Limit until January 2025 and Establishes Budget Caps for FY 2024 and FY 2025
- ✓ Rescinds Unobligated COVID-19 Relief  
*But Does Not Rescind Public Transit Emergency Funds*
- ✓ Streamlines NEPA Environmental Review
  - ❖ Narrows Environmental Review Determinations
  - ❖ Establishes Time and Page Limits for Environmental Analyses

# Transportation (THUD) Appropriations Act

## Public Transit



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FAST Act/IIJA Authorized

Transportation Appropriations Acts

House THUD

Senate THUD

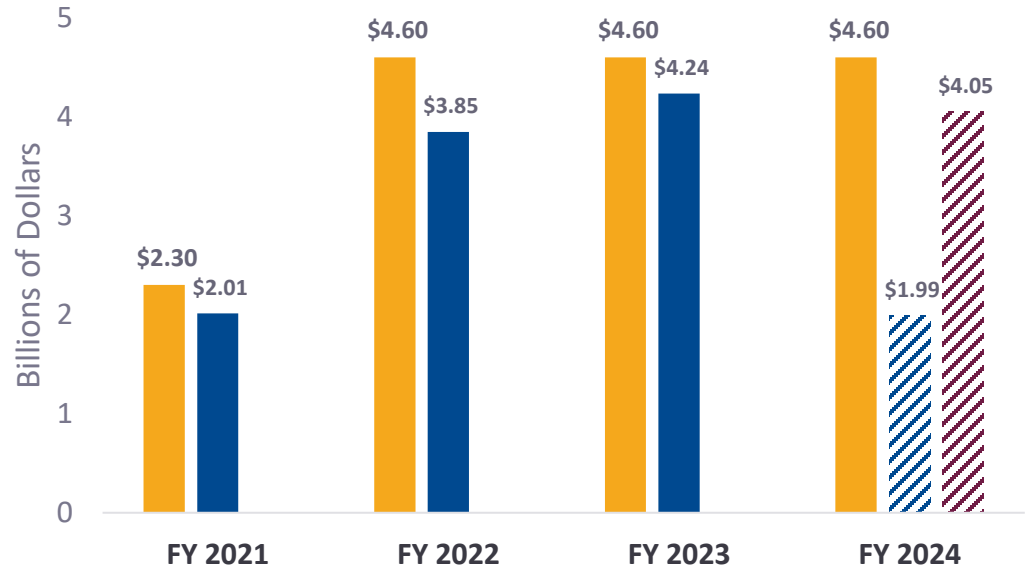


# CIG Pipeline

Includes **69 Projects** requesting  
**\$49 Billion** in CIG Funds:

- ✓ 40 Bus Rapid Transit;
- ✓ 12 Light Rail;
- ✓ 6 Heavy Rail;
- ✓ 7 Commuter Rail; and
- ✓ 4 Streetcar projects.

## THUD CIG Appropriations



■ FAST Act/IJA Authorized

# APTA's CIG Dashboard



## APTA's Capital Investment Grants Project Pipeline Dashboard

July 13, 2023  
(in millions)

State	City	Project	Senators	Representatives	Project Sponsor	Project Category	Project Type	Date of Grant Agreement	Total Project Cost	CIG Percent Share	Total CIG Funding	Total CIG Funding Allocated	CIG Funding Required Post-FY 2023
<b>4 CIG Projects with Executed Full Funding Grant Agreements</b>													
CA	Los Angeles	<a href="#">Westside Subway Section 2</a>	Dianne Feinstein (D) Alex Padilla (D)	Ted Loe (D-CA-36) Sydney Kamlager-Dove (D-CA-37)	Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority	New Starts	Heavy Rail	FFGA 12/1/2016	\$2,499	47%	\$1,187	\$1,022	\$165
CA	Los Angeles	<a href="#">Westside Subway Section 3</a>	Dianne Feinstein (D) Alex Padilla (D)	Brad Sherman (D-CA-32) Ted Loe (D-CA-36)	Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority	New Starts	Heavy Rail	FFGA 3/17/2020	\$3,599	36%	\$1,300	\$822	\$478
MN	Minneapolis	<a href="#">Southwest LRT</a>	Amy Klobuchar (D) Tina Smith (D)	Dan Phillips (D-MN-03) Huss Osaw (D-MN-08)	Metropolitan Council	New Starts	Light Rail	FFGA 09/14/2020	\$2,003	46%	\$929	\$637	\$292
WA	Seattle	<a href="#">Lynnwood Link Extension</a>	Patty Murray (D) Maria Cantwell (D)	Suzanne Dillane (D-WA-01) Rick Larsen (D-WA-02) Pamela Joppa (D-WA-07)	Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority	New Starts	Light Rail	FFGA 12/20/2018	\$3,260	36%	\$1,173	\$922	\$251
<b>Subtotal for FFGA projects</b>									<b>\$11,362</b>		<b>\$4,589</b>	<b>\$3,403</b>	<b>\$1,186</b>
<b>5 CIG Pipeline Projects in Engineering</b>													
MN	Minneapolis	<a href="#">METRO Blue Line Extension (Bottineau LRT)</a>	Amy Klobuchar (D) Tina Smith (D)	Dan Phillips (D-MN-03) Huss Osaw (D-MN-08)	Metropolitan Council	New Starts	Light Rail	Engineering	\$1,536	49%	\$753	\$0	\$753
NJ-NY	Secaucus	<a href="#">Hudson Tunnel</a>	Robert Menendez (D-NJ) Cory A. Booker (D-NJ) Charles E. Schumer (D-NY) Kirsten E. Gillibrand (D-NY)	Rob Menendez (D-NJ-08) Bill Pascrell (D-NJ-09) Jerry Nadler (D-NY-12)	Gateway Program Development Corporation	New Starts	Commuter Rail	Engineering	\$15,649	44%	\$6,880	\$100	\$6,780
NY	New York	<a href="#">Canarsie Line Power and Station Improvements</a>	Charles E. Schumer (D) Kirsten E. Gillibrand (D)	Nydia M. Velázquez (D-NY-07) Din Goldstone (D-NY-10)	New York Metropolitan Transportation Authority	Core Capacity	Heavy Rail	Engineering	\$373	27%	\$100	\$100	\$0
NY	New York	<a href="#">Second Avenue Subway Phase 2</a>	Charles E. Schumer (D) Kirsten E. Gillibrand (D)	Jerry Nadler (D-NY-12) Adriano Españoletti (D-NY-13)	New York Metropolitan Transportation Authority	New Starts	Heavy Rail	Engineering	\$7,699	44%	\$3,405	\$450	\$2,955
SC	Charleston	<a href="#">Lowcountry Rapid Transit</a>	Lindsey Graham (R) Tim Scott (R)	Nancy Mace (R-SC-01) James E. Clyburn (D-SC-06)	Berkley-Charleston Directorate Council of Government	New Starts	BRT	Engineering	\$625	60%	\$375	\$0	\$375
<b>Subtotal for Engineering Projects</b>									<b>\$25,882</b>		<b>\$11,513</b>	<b>\$650</b>	<b>\$10,863</b>
<b>1 CIG Pipeline Project in Expedited Project Delivery Pilot Program</b>													
CA	Los Angeles	<a href="#">East San Fernando Valley Transit Corridor Phase 1 Project</a>	Dianne Feinstein (D) Alex Padilla (D)	Tony Cardenas (D-CA-26)	Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority	New Starts	Light Rail	EPD Program	\$3,635	25%	\$909	\$842	\$67
<b>Subtotal for EPD Project</b>									<b>\$3,635</b>		<b>\$909</b>	<b>\$842</b>	<b>\$67</b>

# APTA Advocacy & Communications Strategy and Tactics



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## ABOUT US

We're a nationwide advocacy movement dedicated to keeping America moving forward by expanding public transportation in communities across the country.

We launched Voices for Public Transit to help transform America's public transportation network into the truly flexible, accessible, sustainable mobility resource it can and should be—and that every community deserves.

Millions of Americans use public transportation every day to meet needs and pursue opportunities. Public transit connects people to jobs, education, healthcare, and one another. And public transit helps reduce pollution, conserve energy, fight traffic congestion, and power local economies.

The bottom line: Public transportation gets all of us where we need to go, even if we don't ride.

Our bipartisan movement includes people all across the country, in every state, who are raising their voices to realize a vision of strong communities supported by robust, efficient transportation systems anchored in public transit. We're carrying our message to friends, family, neighbors, and co-workers—and to elected officials at all levels of government.

Voices for Public Transit is a project of the American Public Transportation Association (APTA).

## SHARE YOUR STORY

Let us know why public transportation matters to you. Share how public transportation gets your community where you need to go, even if you don't ride.



## OUR ISSUES

Explore the benefits of public transportation: job creation and economic growth, reduced congestion, and greater opportunity for all Americans.



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## JOIN OUR MOVEMENT

Sign up to participate in our nationwide movement fighting for improved and expanded public transportation in communities of all sizes.





# Voices for Public Transit Outreach

## VPT Advocate Community



**250,260** VPT Members

**2,030** New Recruits



## VPT Digital Footprint



**432,590** Impressions  
on Social Media

**11,518** Average  
Reach on Social Media

## VPT Education Outreach



**750,000** People Viewed  
the Online Video

**131,565** Opened Emails

**27%** Average Open Rate



# Future Stories: What's Next

We need your help finding valuable public transportation stories for future campaigns. We've narrowed in on the following locations:



## **Dallas-Ft. Worth**

City Growth & Workforce Development



## **Maine**

New Projects & Unique Federal Investments



## **Washington State**

Federal Investments & Environmental Impact



## **Oklahoma**

Workforce Development & Economic Impact

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**Representative Kay Granger (TX-12)**

Everything is bigger in Texas – and public transportation helps Texas cities grow. Funding for public transportation will support Fort Worth's growth, help solve traffic issues, and connect workers to more jobs.



**Senator Susan Collins (ME)**

Buses, bikes, and ferry boats. Public transportation is different in Maine – and investing in public transportation will keep Maine's cities and island communities thriving for years to come.



**Senator Patty Murray (WA)**

From major cities to rural communities, investing in public transportation helps Washington state build a greener, more connected future.

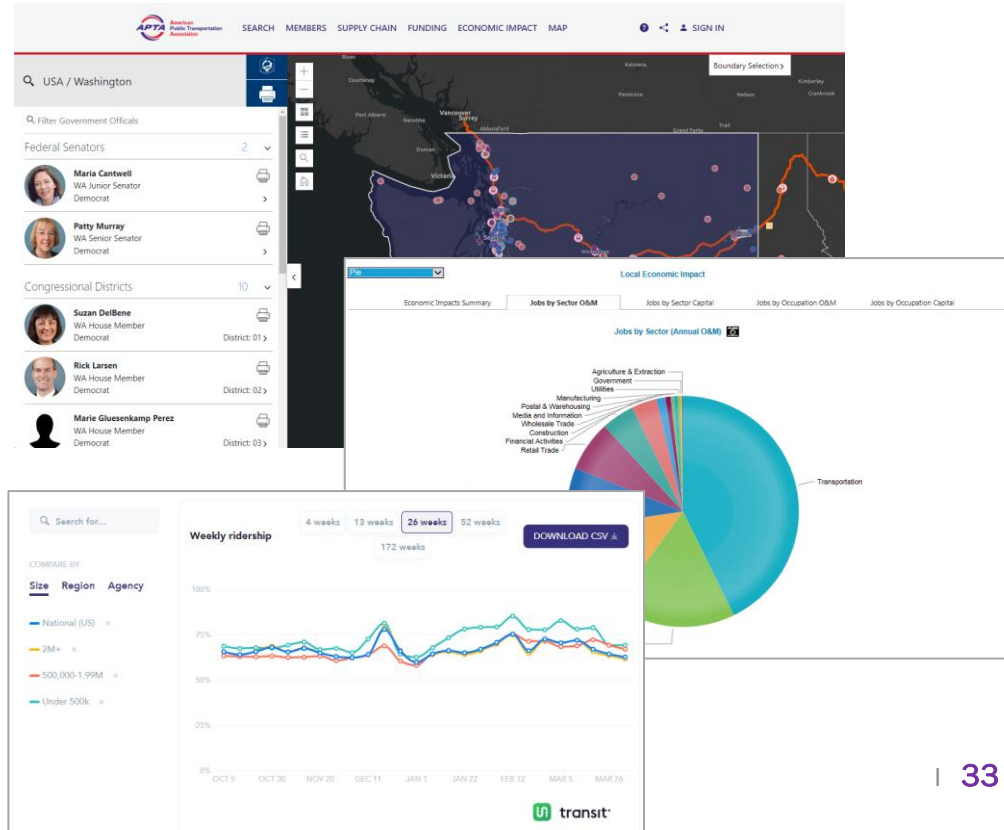


**Representative Tom Cole (OK-04)**

Public transportation is creating the infrastructure for the future of Oklahoma's economy – from the manufacturers to the local industries that depend on it.

# Advocacy Tools

- ✓ Transit Industry Footprint
- ✓ My Economic Impact Tool
- ✓ CIG Pipeline Dashboard
- ✓ Ridership Trends Dashboard



# APTA Advocacy Action Center

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**ACTION CENTER**

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Contact your Members of Congress and the White House and strongly urge them to support the Public Transportation and Green Energy Investments of the Build Back Better Act. In Fiscal Year (FY) 2022, the bill provides: • \$10 billion for a new, innovative program providing...

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program providing competitive grants



# APTA's Smart Guide

APTA Smart Guide: Bipartisan Infrastructure Law  
and Inflation Reduction Act

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# Questions?

