



# THUD Appropriations: Passenger Rail

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In July, both the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations marked up the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill (THUD Appropriations bill). The House THUD Appropriations bill (H.R. 9028) significantly cuts passenger rail (**-\$263 million**) below the FY 2024 enacted funding levels. Conversely, the Senate THUD bill (S. 4796) provides the overwhelming majority of funding authorized in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and increases passenger rail investment by **\$441 million** from last year's funding levels.

**APTA urges Congress to honor the promise of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law by fully funding passenger rail in the FY 2025 THUD Appropriations bill.**

Public transportation is a **\$79 billion** industry that directly employs more than **430,000** people and supports **millions** of private-sector jobs.

**APTA urges Congress to provide at least \$20.6 billion for passenger rail** in the THUD Appropriations bill (when combined with the advance appropriations of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law). At a minimum, the final THUD Appropriations bill should adopt the Senate investment levels of **\$16.7 billion** for passenger rail. These investments will help bring passenger rail systems to a state of good repair and meet the mobility demands of communities.

APTA urges Congress to fully fund the **Amtrak, Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail, Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvement, and Railroad Crossing Elimination** grant programs.



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



Every \$1 billion invested in public transportation creates or sustains nearly 50,000 jobs across the entire economy.



9 of 10 public transportation trips directly benefit the economy by bringing people to where they spend and earn money.

## **APTA urges Congress to:**

- ✓ **Provide at least \$20.6 billion for passenger rail in the FY 2025 THUD Appropriations bill; and**
- ✓ **Oppose the House THUD bill provision prohibiting any funding for the California High-Speed Rail Authority project.**