

American Public Transportation Association

THUD Appropriations: Public Transit

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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 public transit (-\$1.3 billion) 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 public transit investment by \$440 million from last year's funding levels.

APTA urges Congress to honor the promise of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law by fully funding public transit 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 \$21.9 billion for public transit 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 \$21.3 billion for public transit. These investments will help bring public transit systems to a state of good repair and meet the mobility demands of communities.

For Capital Investment Grants (CIG), APTA urges Congress to provide \$4.6 billion to help communities meet mobility demands. Today, 64 projects in 24 States across the nation are seeking \$37.2 billion of CIG funds.



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



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



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

APTA urges Congress to:

- ✓ Provide at least \$21.9 billion for public transit in the FY 2025 THUD Appropriations bill, including \$4.6 billion for CIG; and
- ✓ Accelerate project delivery by enacting commonsense regulatory reform, such as streamlining land acquisition for public transit projects.