



THUD Appropriations: Passenger Rail

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Both the Senate and House of Representatives have advanced Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies (THUD) Appropriations bills. The Senate is considering its THUD bill on the Floor this week (as part of a “minibus”); the House has yet to schedule Floor consideration on its bill. Congress will not complete appropriations action by October 1 and needs to enact a Continuing Resolution to prevent a government shutdown.

APTA urges Congress to harness the potential of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law by fully funding passenger rail in the FY 2024 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 \$20.2 billion for passenger rail in the THUD Appropriations bill (when combined with the advance appropriations of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law). These investments will help bring passenger rail systems to a state of good repair and meet the mobility demands of communities. The Senate THUD bill provides **\$16.6 billion** for passenger rail, which is **\$2 billion** more than the House bill.

For Amtrak, APTA urges Congress to provide **\$3.6 billion** to help it meet the mobility demands of its customers. Congress must also fully fund the **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.



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

APTA urges Congress to:

- ✓ **Enact a Continuing Resolution to prevent a government shutdown that would slow implementation of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law; and**
- ✓ **Provide at least \$20.2 billion for Passenger Rail in the FY 2024 THUD Appropriations bill.**