

# America's Commuter Rail – Safer Travel, Economic Growth, and Sustainable Networks

**In the United States**, 32 commuter rail agencies service over 9,200 miles and employ more than 32,000 individuals.

## Commuter Rail Economics

- Commuter rail contributes **\$11 billion** to the U.S. economy, with two thirds of commuter rail spending flowing to the private sector.
- Commuter rail creates and supports **190,000 jobs**.

## Commuter Rail Safety and Sustainability Benefits

- Traveling by commuter rail and intercity rail is **18 times safer** for passengers than by car.
- A typical trip on commuter rail emits **71 percent** fewer greenhouse gas emissions than driving or ride hailing alone.

## APTA Urges Congress to...

- **Fully fund the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law's public transit and passenger rail investments in the FY 2024 THUD Appropriations bill**, including Capital Investments Grants, Railroad Crossing Elimination grants, and Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail grants.
- **Streamline Project Delivery** by enacting commonsense regulatory reforms.
- **Provide specific funding to commuter railroads** for Positive Train Control operations and maintenance costs under the CRISI program.