

ABOUT THE AMERICAN PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION ASSOCIATION (APTA)

APTA is a nonprofit international association of 1,500 public and private sector organizations that plan, build and operate all modes of public transportation—bus, paratransit, light and commuter rail, intercity and high-speed passenger rail, subways, and ferries. APTA members serve the public interest by providing safe, efficient and economical transit services and products. For more information, visit [APTA.com](https://www.apta.com).

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PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION IS A CATALYST FOR JOB CREATION

It's a link to jobs and opportunities for people in communities large and small. It's a catalyst for economic growth, attracting development and increasing property values. Public transportation benefits all Americans, whether they use it or not.



87% OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION TRIPS DIRECTLY BENEFIT THE ECONOMY BY GETTING PEOPLE TO WORK AND CONNECTING THEM TO LOCAL BUSINESSES.

Public transportation is a \$71 billion industry that directly employs 420,000 people and creates millions of private-sector jobs—70% of government funding for public transportation flows through the private sector.

Every \$1 billion invested in public transportation creates or sustains 50,000 jobs.

Buy America laws ensure that public transportation funds are used to create American jobs, constructing and manufacturing our public transportation systems, rail cars, and buses.



CONGRESS: INVEST NOW

APTA urges Congress and the Administration to dramatically increase the current federal investment levels for public transportation and intercity passenger rail systems. Increased investment should support replacing aging equipment with more modern buses, trains and infrastructure. **More than \$90 billion is needed just to bring the nation's public transportation systems into a state of good repair.** It is also important to address the growing demand, in communities of all sizes, for new and expanded high-quality public transportation including rail, ferryboat, and bus capacity. APTA supports increasing the federal gas tax to fund the Highway Trust Fund, and will work with Congress on any bipartisan plan to increase revenues for infrastructure investment.

INVESTMENT IN PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION IS CRUCIAL

Public transportation is a vital service to Americans of all walks of life. It serves communities of all sizes, getting people to jobs, customers to businesses, veterans to doctors' appointments, as well as providing mobility. Simply put, it makes our communities better. We are the backbone of a multi-modal lifestyle.

The federal, state, and local partnership is critical. States and local governments are doing their part. Americans want more public transportation. In 2018, American voters across the country passed more than 80% of ballot initiatives, voting to tax themselves to fund additional public transportation services.

Safety is the public transportation industry's top priority. Research shows that modest increases in public transportation ridership in a metropolitan area can cut traffic fatalities by 40%.

EVERY \$1 INVESTED IN PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION GENERATES APPROXIMATELY \$4 IN ECONOMIC RETURNS.



American public transportation systems carry **34 MILLION PASSENGERS EVERY WEEKDAY.**

That totals **10 BILLION TRIPS PER YEAR.**

