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RE: Docket No. FTA-2016-0024

Dear Docket Clerk:

On behalf of the more than 1,500 member organizations of the American Public Transportation Association (APTA), I write to request an extension of the comment period for the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) request for comments on its Compendium of Public Transportation Safety Standards, published on May 17, 2016 at 81 FR 30605.

About APTA

APTA is a non-profit international trade association of more than 1,500 public and private member organizations, including public transit systems; high-speed intercity passenger rail agencies; planning, design, construction and finance firms; product and service providers; academic institutions; and state associations and departments of transportation.

General Comments

The compendium drafted by FTA, while including well over 100 entries, does not appear complete. Our safety personnel, in conjunction with APTA members, has been combing records to ensure the final compendium is complete and useful. We believe this effort requires more than the 30 days allotted by FTA and request a 30 day extension to the exiting comment period.

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We appreciate the opportunity to assist FTA in this important endeavor. For additional information, please contact James LaRusch, APTA's chief counsel and vice president corporate affairs, at (202) 496-4808 or jlarsch@apta.com.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard A. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "R".

Richard A. White
Acting President & CEO

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