

# WHERE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION GOES COMMUNITY GROWS

It's a proven fact: Investment in our transportation infrastructure, particularly public transportation, drives growth. It attracts development and increases property values along its corridors. It connects employers to employees, restaurants to diners, landlords to renters, and families to local stores. It provides a vital connection for people from all walks of life. Robust investment in public transportation yields the following:

- 1.1 million jobs are created or sustained annually.
- \$66 billion in business sales are generated each year.
- \$9.5 billion in local, state, and federal tax revenue are generated each year.

Here are the facts:

- For every \$1 communities invest in public transportation, approximately \$4 is generated in economic returns.
- 50,000 jobs result from the productivity gains of \$1 billion in federal investment.
- Residential property values perform 42 percent better on average when they are located near public transportation with high-frequency service.

As Americans seek a transit-centric lifestyle, public transportation use has grown at a faster rate than both the U.S. population and vehicle miles traveled. In fact, Americans board public transportation 35 million times each weekday – 10.8 billion trips in 2014.

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## APTA Recommendations on MAP-21

America's future is riding on public transportation. To ensure strong federal public transportation and highway programs through and beyond the next long-term authorization bill, APTA recommends Congress:

- Authorize a public transportation program that provides strong funding for no less than six years.
- Establish a new dedicated Trust Fund funding mechanism that supplements existing dedicated revenues for the Highway Trust Fund and the Mass Transit Account.
- Authorize a \$100.4 billion federal transit program over six years, which would grow the current \$10.7 billion annual program to \$22.2 billion by 2020.
- Restore the bus and bus facilities program to pre-MAP-21 levels.
- Increase and balance federal capital investments in programs for formula funding, new starts and extensions, state of good repair, and bus and bus facilities.
- Ensure existing public transportation infrastructure and facilities are maintained and updated through major capital investments in current and future projects.
- Enact a robust and long-term program for investment in high-speed and intercity passenger rail.

