



APTA Principles for Surface Transportation Authorization

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Public transportation and intercity passenger rail systems across the country form an interconnected system that links our nation's regions and communities—urban, suburban, and rural—and is an essential component of our overall transportation system. APTA members are committed to providing safe, high-quality public transportation services for all Americans. **We urge Congress to significantly increase public transportation infrastructure investment and provide the necessary resources to build, maintain, and operate the public transportation and intercity passenger rail systems required to support our nation's integrated transportation network, the backbone of the American economy.**

In developing surface transportation authorization legislation to succeed the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act) (P.L. 114-94), APTA's Principles are to:

- Provide certainty to public transit agencies, local communities, and states by authorizing a long-term surface transportation authorization act funded by dedicated, sustainable revenues that address the pending shortfall in the Highway Trust Fund (including the Mass Transit Account).
- Identify new long-term, dedicated, sustainable revenues to significantly increase federal public transportation and intercity passenger rail investment to bring our public transportation systems to a state of good repair and meet growing demands for increased mobility choices.
- Support public transit agencies' efforts to implement innovative mobility management strategies by introducing cutting-edge technologies and integrating new service-delivery approaches and mobility options in the transit marketplace.
- Preserve the federal, state, and local funding partnership (including traditional match ratios) and preserve and enhance the current surface transportation funding flexibility that enables states and local communities to address critical transit capital and people-readiness needs.
- Build on the existing surface transportation program structure in legislation that authorizes public transportation, intercity passenger rail, and Federal-aid highway investment.
- Expedite implementation of the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) (P.L. 112-141) and FAST Act provisions to streamline the transportation project delivery process, and pursue additional commonsense reforms to improve federal agency accountability and make taxpayer dollars go further.