

State of the Union Shines Spotlight on Needed Infrastructure Investment

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Washington, D.C. – “The American Public Transportation Association (APTA) and its 1,500 member organizations look forward to working with the Administration and Congress to invest in the nation’s infrastructure, including public transportation. We are pleased that President Donald J.Trump highlighted in his State of the Union address that rebuilding America’s crumbling infrastructure is one of the Administration’s major priorities.

“Increased investment in public transportation infrastructure will help build stronger communities. Every dollar invested in public transportation generates approximately \$4 in economic returns.

“APTA urges the President and Congress to swiftly act on bipartisan infrastructure investment legislation because it has consistent and unwavering support throughout America. A recent joint poll from APTA and the American Road and Transportation Builders Association found that 90 percent of Americans support increased investment in our national infrastructure.

“Americans know that investing in projects that improve public transportation and our highways, waterways and bridges will improve their quality of life and help grow their communities for decades to come. Americans are united in their support for infrastructure investment because they recognize the great need—a backlog of more than \$90 billion to bring the nation’s public transportation systems up to a state of good repair.

“The message is loud and clear: Invest in rebuilding America now.”

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