



The Heroes Act \$32 Billion For COVID-19 Emergency Transit Funding Talking Points

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- The COVID-19 pandemic has driven home the vital role public transit plays in our communities, bringing healthcare professionals to the frontlines, delivering groceries and medicine to at-risk populations, and connecting essential workers to their places of work.
- According to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), as of September 28, 2020, public transit agencies have obligated 93 percent of CARES Act transit funds through 758 grants totaling nearly \$23.3 billion of the \$25 billion appropriated.
- Based on a September 2020 survey of transit agencies, **without additional emergency funding, more than 6 in 10 public transit agencies will have to cut transit service or furlough staff.**
- **APTA urges the House of Representatives to pass The Heroes Act, which provides \$32 billion of additional emergency public transit funding.**
- These additional emergency funds are critical to ensuring that public transit can continue to be a lifeline for our essential workers and help our communities rebuild their economies in the wake of the pandemic.
- Additionally, nearly one-half (47 percent) of business members surveyed expect to lay off employees if Congress does not provide additional COVID-19 emergency funding for public transit.
- To limit the enormous economic damage to public transportation caused by the pandemic, Congress must provide \$32 billion of additional emergency public transit funding.

If you have a story about how COVID-19 has directly or indirectly impacted your public transit agency or business and the dire need for additional transit emergency funding, please share it with congressional offices.