

# Join the Congressional Public Transportation Caucus



Dear Colleague:

We write to invite you to join the Congressional Public Transportation Caucus. This bipartisan Caucus will provide a forum for members to engage in a constructive dialogue on the issues, challenges, and needs of mass transit agencies and the riders they serve. Public transportation is an issue that impacts both rural and urban districts, and we intend for this Caucus to examine and consider a broad array of transit related topics.

Both employers and workers alike understand the important role public transportation plays in the United States' economy. Public transportation gets Americans efficiently, economically, and safely to and from work, schools, events, and more. And with increased resources, it can generate significant economic return in the form of downstream investments, job creation, and increases in property value.

The Caucus plans on an inclusive approach that will examine issues that impact commuter rail, light rail, bus rapid transit, traditional bus, and ferry service. The Caucus takes this comprehensive approach because it is not just urban commuters and those in rural areas without cars who rely on transit, but also their employers who need a reliable and affordable option to transport employees and yield maximum productivity.

Public transportation currently faces many serious challenges. Over the next decade, funding, state-of-good repair, and service cuts will put significant pressure on these systems and need to be thoughtfully addressed. The Caucus will explore sound policy approaches to these challenges and many others through regular briefings.

We hope you will join us in this important effort. If you would like to become a member of the Congressional Public Transportation Caucus please contact either Brian Oszakiewski in Congressman Lipinski's office at [brian.oszakiewski@mail.house.gov](mailto:brian.oszakiewski@mail.house.gov) or Aaron Ringel in Congressman Grimm's office at [aaron.ringel@mail.house.gov](mailto:aaron.ringel@mail.house.gov).

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