

# ➤ BUILDING TO WIN: PUBLIC TRANSIT AND PASSENGER RAIL

**Public transit and passenger rail are foundational to a high-performing U.S. transportation system—and to the strength of manufacturing in America.**

Transit provides numerous benefits to manufacturers and the broader network: these systems move millions of people each day, they ease congestion on critical freight corridors and free up capacity for freight movement, and they improve travel time reliability across the broader network that manufacturers depend on to move inputs and finished goods.

Manufacturers also play a direct role in building and modernizing these systems. Manufacturers in the U.S. produce the buses, railcars, track, signals and advanced technologies that power public transit and passenger rail, supporting a broad domestic supply chain. Sustained investment provides the long-term certainty manufacturers need to hire, invest and scale production—reinforcing transportation efficiency and safety as well as U.S. manufacturing competitiveness.

**Public transit relies on more than 3,000 suppliers in all 50 states**



However, these systems face significant infrastructure challenges. The Federal Transit Administration estimates a \$140.2 billion backlog in maintaining and upgrading transit systems, limiting transit providers' ability to reliably move people across the network. As a result, access to jobs, healthcare, education and training, and other essential services is constrained—undermining workforce participation, economic opportunity, upward mobility, meaningful social and community engagement, and the quality of life that strong transit systems help support.

**Sustained investment in public transit and passenger rail is essential to keeping the nation's transportation network strong and dependable.**

By maintaining and modernizing these systems, Congress can support workforce mobility, reduce congestion across modes and strengthen the broader network that manufacturers rely on to move people, inputs and finished goods.

## ACTION NEEDED

- **Provide sustained federal investment in public transit systems** to improve safety, reliability and state of good repair.
- **Streamline permitting and project delivery** for transit capital projects to reduce delays and bring safety-critical improvements online more quickly.
- **Expand support for training and workforce development programs** that prepare the transit workforce to safely operate, maintain and modernize transit systems.
- **Strengthen coordination** between public transit, passenger rail and local infrastructure planning to reduce congestion, improve safety and support economic activity.



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Amtrak's next-generation fleet of railcars supports **15,000+ U.S. jobs** through assembly plants and a supplier network across **30+ states**