



## URGENT! RIPTA NEEDS YOU TO TAKE ACTION!

### Stand With Us In Support of the Bi-Partisan Amendment to Restore Dedicated Federal Investment of Public Transit

Since 1983, under President Ronald Reagan, fuels tax revenues have been dedicated to public transit through the Mass Transit Account of the surface transportation legislation. These dedicated revenues were not diverted from the Highway Account, but rather were originally enacted to support public transit capital investment.

The current H.R.7 seeks to undo nearly 30 years of overwhelming bipartisan support for dedicated federal investment in public transit. It provides for only a one time appropriation and this action provides no guarantee for any public transportation funding beyond FY 2016. This makes it virtually impossible for public transit agencies to develop reliable long-term capital plans, and it could leave the future of the public transit program in peril. It will also stifle American job and economic growth. Every \$1 billion invested in public transit creates and supports 36,000 jobs.

We urge you to support the bipartisan amendment to the American Energy and Infrastructure Jobs Act of 2012 (H.R.7) to restore the Mass Transit Account and return dedicated motor fuels tax revenues to public transportation. Please contact your Member of Congress immediately to let them know that you support this amendment, which is a simple, common sense measure to ensure we restore the proper investment in public transit. Click [here](#) to take action.



"With gas prices sky high, I need public transportation now more than ever."

Kate Lila, Salt Lake City

Uncertainty in other parts of the world is making higher gas prices a certainty here at home. The last time gas prices were this high, record numbers of Americans turned to public transit as an affordable, dependable option to get them where they needed to go.

Now, Congress is proposing to cut public transportation investments – right as our country needs it most. Unless Congress gets serious about investing in public transit – starting with FY2016 appropriations – our infrastructure won't be ready for the increased ridership and American commuters could be left stranded.

Congress: Keep America moving. Invest in public transportation.

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## **RIPTA AND SENATOR JUAN M. PICHARDO TO HOLD COMMUNITY MEETING ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2012**

RIPTA and Senator Juan M. Pichardo (District 2) will hold a community meeting to present suggested improvements to bus stop service along Elmwood Avenue. The Route 20/Elmwood Avenue Optimization Project is part of RIPTA's Key Bus Route Improvement Program. These proposed improvements are scheduled to be completed by October 2013. The meeting is scheduled for 6pm on Tuesday, February 28, 2012 in the RIPTA Conference Room, located at 269 Melrose Street in Providence. For more information on this project, email Amy Pettine at [apettine@ripta.com](mailto:apettine@ripta.com).



### **CALLING ALL APP DEVELOPERS!**

RIPTA launched the brand-new [www.RIPTA.com](http://www.RIPTA.com) on February 9, 2012. If you haven't seen it yet, check it now! To go with our new web site, we need cool mobile apps. Are you interested in creating a mobile app for RIPTA? Then we'd love to hear from you! Please e-mail [Marketing@ripta.com](mailto:Marketing@ripta.com).

## DID YOU FEEL THE LOVE?

RIPTA launched their state-wide “See. Stop. Speak.” Safety and Security Awareness Program. This initiative is part of Transit Watch, a public awareness and education campaign developed by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS).



On February 14, 2012, RIPTA passengers received a Valentine’s Day surprise on their seat - a reminder that RIPTA cares about passenger safety. This “surprise” was a Valentine card from RIPTA and Honey Dew Donuts reminding passengers to recognize and report any and all suspicious activity. Each card is redeemable for a complimentary hot coffee at Honey Dew Donuts to help passengers stay alert.

Launched in 2003, Transit Watch is a nationwide public awareness outreach campaign that encourages the active participation of transit passengers and employees in maintaining a safe transit environment. RIPTA’s “See. Stop. Speak.” Safety and Security Awareness Program encourages everyone to help keep RIPTA safe by being aware of their surroundings and alert to activities, packages or situations that seem suspicious. If something out of the ordinary is observed, it should be reported immediately to the bus operator or law enforcement authorities.

For more information on the Transit Watch Campaign passengers can call 781-9400 or visit [www.ripta.com](http://www.ripta.com).



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