



NORTH CAROLINA NCPTA PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION ASSOCIATION

2018-2019 FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

FAST ACT IMPLEMENTATION

The North Carolina Public Transportation Association appreciates the passage of the 2015 Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act. The five-year bill allocates \$305 billion in funding for the nation's highways, railroads and transit and includes a very important capital replacement program, Bus and Bus Facilities (Section 5339). That program allocates an 89 percent increase in funding over the life of the bill and has a competitive grant component that will further help address fleet replacement needs. The FAST Act also provides additional critical New Starts and Small Starts funding for major bus and rail capital projects across the state. The NCPTA asks Congress to fully fund the FAST Act at annually authorized levels.



FLEET REPLACEMENT

Many of North Carolina's public transit systems need to replace vehicles that have reached or exceeded their useful lives. The state's unfunded annual need to replace urban buses is about \$27.5 million and for rural buses about \$7.5 million. Aging vehicles in service are safe but require extensive maintenance, which increases cost, affects customer service, limits new service availability and reduces on-time performance.

URBAN NEED: **\$27.5M** RURAL NEED: **\$7.5M**



INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT

The NCPTA supports congressional passage of a bipartisan multimodal transportation infrastructure package that invests in urban and rural public transportation. An investment in public transportation is an investment in American jobs and the economy and provides a strong taxpayer return on investment. According to the American Public Transportation Association, every \$1 billion the federal government invests in public transportation results in a net increase of 50,000 jobs, and every \$1 invested generates about \$4 in economic returns. (source: APTA 2014 Report, Economic Impact of Public Transportation Investment)

\$1,000,000,000 INVESTED = 50,000 JOBS

