



Transit Watch: Public Transit in Crisis



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Friends,

This afternoon, a diverse coalition of more than 30 labor, social justice, disability rights, environmental, transportation, and business leaders [submitted a letter to Congressional leaders and California's Congressional delegation](#) requesting at least [\\$3.1 billion in emergency funding for California's transit agencies](#) to help prevent devastating service reductions.

This diverse show of support is crucial to our efforts to secure emergency funding for California transit agencies as part of a larger emergency federal funding package that includes new funding for transit agencies nationwide. [As we previously highlighted for you, the \\$1 trillion "Health; Economic Assistance; Liability Protection; and Schools Act,"](#) released last week, does not currently include emergency funding for the nation's public transit agencies.

Organizations that signed the letter include:

- California Transit Association
- 350 Sacramento
- 350 San Diego
- Bay Area Council
- Breathe Sacramento
- California Association of Councils of Government
- California Alliance for Jobs
- California Association for Coordinated Transportation
- California Black Chamber of Commerce
- California Conference Board of the Amalgamated Transit Union
- California State NAACP
- California Teamsters Public Affairs Council
- Central City Association of LA
- Circulate San Diego
- Coalition for Rapid Transit
- Coalition for Responsible Transportation Priorities
- Disability Rights California
- Friends of SMART
- LA Area Chamber of Commerce
- LA Biz Fed
- LA Urban League
- Move LA
- National Urban League
- Sacramento Metro Chamber of Commerce
- San Mateo County Economic Development Association
- Silicon Valley Leadership Group
- SMART-Transportation Division, California State Legislative Board
- Southern California Transit Advocates
- Subway to the Sea Coalition
- The California Chapters of the American Public Works Association
- The Transit Coalition
- Transportation California
- Valley Industry & Commerce Association

The strength and diversity of this coalition demonstrates the critical role transit plays in communities throughout California and the dire need for lawmakers to provide funding relief.

For more information, please contact the California Transit Association at COVID-19@caltransit.org.