



# *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](mailto:COVID-19@caltransit.org).**

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