

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

EMPLOYEE POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM Original Amendment

This form is for disclosing the receipt of travel expenses from private sources for travel taken in connection with official duties. This form does not eliminate the need to report privately-funded travel on the annual *Financial Disclosure Statements* of those employees required to file them. In accordance with House Rule 25, clause 5, **you must complete this form and file it with the Clerk of the House by email at gifttravelreports@mail.house.gov, within 15 days after travel is completed.** Please **do not** file this form with the Committee on Ethics.

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

1. Name of Traveler: Jackie Schmitz
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ **OR** None
b. Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: 9/29/24 Return: 10/1/24
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ **OR** None
4. Departure City: Washington, DC Destination: Anaheim, CA Return City: Washington, DC
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: American Public Transportation Association
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended: Opening keynote on trends in the transit industry/sex trafficking prevention; transit sector exhibits; project delivery successes panel; presentation by Transport for London; Congressional staff panel
7. Attached to this form are **each** of the following, *signify that each item is attached by checking the corresponding box*:
 - a. a completed *Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form*;
 - b. the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* completed by the trip sponsor **prior** to the trip, **including all** attachments **and** the *Additional Sponsor Form(s)*;
 - c. page 2 of the completed *Traveler Form* submitted by the employee; **and**
 - d. the letter from the Committee on Ethics approving my participation on this trip.
8. a. I represent that I participated in each of the activities reflected in the attached sponsor's agenda. *Signify statement is true by checking the box.*
b. If not, explain: _____

I certify that the information contained on this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Traveler:  Date: 10/10/24

I authorized this travel in advance. I have determined that all of the expenses listed on the attached *Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form* were necessary and that the travel was in connection with the employee's official duties and would not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

Name of Supervising Member:  Date: 10/11/24

Signature of Supervising Member: 

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

SPONSOR POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

Original Amendment

This form must be completed by an officer of any organization that served as the primary trip sponsor in providing travel expenses or reimbursement for travel expenses to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. **A completed copy of the form must be provided to each House Member, officer, or employee who participated in the trip within 10 days of their return.** You must answer all questions, and check all boxes, on this form for your submission to comply with House Rules and the Committee's Travel Regulations. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the denial of future requests to sponsor trips and/or subject the current traveler to disciplinary action or a requirement to repay the trip expenses.

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1. Sponsor(s) who paid or provided in-kind support for the trip: American Public Transportation Association

2. Travel Destination(s): Anaheim CA

3. Date of Departure: 9/29/2024 Date of Return: 10/1/2024

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Jackie Schmitz

Note: You may list more than one traveler on a form only if **all** information is **identical** for each person listed.

5. **Actual amount** of expenses paid on behalf of, or reimbursed to, each individual named in Question 4:

	Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses	Total Other Expenses (dollar amount per item and description)
Traveler	\$ 961.28	\$ 584.00	\$ 139.95	N/A
Accompanying Family Member	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

6. All expenses connected to the trip were for actual costs incurred and not a *per diem* or lump sum payment. Signify statement is true by checking box.

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: David J Carol Digitally signed by David J Carol
Date: 2024.10.10 15:58:31 -04'00' Date: 10/10/2024

Name: David J Carol Title: COO & Interim General Counsel

Organization: American Public Transportation Association

I am an officer of the above-named organization. Signify statement is true by checking box.

Address: 1300 I Street NW, Suite 1200 / Washington DC 20005

Telephone: 202-580-9577 Email: dcarol@apta.com

Committee staff may contact the above-named individual if additional information is required.

If you have questions regarding your completion of this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at 202-225-7103.

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

TRAVELER FORM

This form should be completed by House Members, officers, or employees seeking Committee approval of privately-sponsored travel or reimbursement for travel under House Rule 25, clause 5. The completed form should be submitted directly to the Committee by each invited House Member, officer, or employee, together with the completed and signed trip sponsor form(s) and any attachments. A copy of this form, minus this initial page, will be made available for public inspection.

This form and any attachments may be submitted at 1015 Longworth House Office Building or travel.requests@mail.house.gov.

Your completed request must be submitted to the Committee no less than 30 days before your proposed departure date. Absent exceptional circumstances, permission will not be granted for requests received less than 30 days before the trip commences. **You must receive explicit approval from the Committee before you depart on this trip.**

Name of Traveler: Jackie Schmitz

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

I certify that the information contained on both pages of this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: Jackie Schmitz

Digitally signed by Jackie Schmitz
Date: 2024.08.28 15:46:47 -04'00'

Name of Signatory (if other than traveler): _____

For Staff (name of employing Member or Committee): Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

Office Address: 2164 Rayburn House Office Building

Telephone Number: (202) 225-4472

Email Address of Contact Person: jackie.schmitz@mail.house.gov

Check this box if the sponsoring entity is a media outlet, the purpose of the trip is to make a media appearance sponsored by that entity, *and* these forms are being submitted to the Committee less than 30 days before the trip departure date.

NOTE: You must complete all of the contact information fields above, as Committee staff may need to contact you if additional information is required.

KEEP A COPY OF THIS FORM. Page 2 (but not this page) must be submitted to the Clerk as part of the post-travel disclosure required by House Rule 25. Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting paperwork for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

If there are any questions regarding this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at 202-225-7103 or via email: travel.requests@mail.house.gov.

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Jackie Schmitz
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: American Public Transportation Association
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel: Anaheim, California
4. a. Date of Departure: 9/29/24 Date of Return: 10/1/24
b. Yes No Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense?
If yes, list dates at personal expense: _____
5. a. Yes No Will you be accompanied by a family member at the sponsor's expense? **If yes:**
(1) Name of Accompanying Family Member: _____
(2) Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
(3) Yes No Accompanying Family Member is at least 18 years of age?
6. a. Yes No Did the trip sponsor answer "Yes" to Question 8(c) on the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* (i.e., travel is sponsored by an entity that employs a registered federal lobbyist or a foreign agent)?
b. **If yes**, and you are requesting lodging for two nights, explain why the second night is warranted:
The trip is across three time zones to the West Coast which does not allow for a one-night trip
7. Yes No *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* is attached, including agenda, invitation, invitee list, and any other attachments and Additional Sponsor Forms.
NOTE: The agenda should show the traveler's individual schedule, including departure and arrival times and identify the specific events in which the traveler will be participating.
8. Explain why participation in the trip is connected to the traveler's individual official or representational duties. **Staff should include their job title and how the activities on the itinerary relate to their duties.**
I will participate in a panel discussion on "Congress and the Year Ahead for Infrastructure Investment." As Staff Director for the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit, the panel and other conference events will allow me to speak with multiple stakeholders about the effects of federal transit policies and programs on transit ridership, safety, sustainability, and project delivery.
9. **Yes No Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip?**
10. For staff travelers, to be completed by your employing Member:

ADVANCED AUTHORIZATION OF EMPLOYEE TRAVEL

I hereby authorize the individual named above, an employee of the U.S. House of Representatives who works under my direct supervision, to accept expenses for the trip described in this request. I have determined that the above-described travel is in connection with my employee's official duties and that acceptance of these expenses will not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

Signature of Employing Member: _____

Rick Larsen

Date: _____

8/29/24

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

PRIMARY TRIP SPONSOR FORM

This form should be completed by private entities offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. A completed copy of the form (and any attachments) should be provided to each invited House Member, officer, or employee, who will then forward it to the Committee together with a *Traveler Form* **at least 30 days before the start date of the trip**. The trip sponsor should *NOT* submit the form directly to the Committee. The Committee's website (ethics.house.gov) provides detailed instructions for filling out the form. The Committee will notify the House invitees directly of its decision and will not notify the trip sponsors.

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Failure to comply with the Committee's Travel Regulations may also lead to the denial of permission to sponsor future trips. Signatures must comply with section 104(bb) of the Travel Regulations.

1. Sponsor who will be paying for the trip:

AMERICAN PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION ASSOCIATION (APTA)

2. I represent that the trip will not be financed, in whole or in part, by a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent. *Signify that the statement is true by checking box.*

3. **Check only one.** I represent that:

- a. The primary trip sponsor has not accepted from any other source, funds intended directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip; **OR**
- b. The trip is arranged without regard to congressional participation and the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds only from entities that will receive a tangible benefit in exchange for those funds; **OR**
- c. The primary trip sponsor has accepted funds, services, or in-kind assistance from other source(s) intended directly or indirectly to finance all or part of this trip and has enclosed disclosure forms from each of those entities.

If "c" is checked, list the names of the additional sponsors: _____

4. Provide names and titles of **ALL** House Members *and* employees you are inviting. **For each House invitee, provide an explanation of why the individual was invited** (include additional pages if necessary): _____

See Addendum for list of invitees. Each invitee works for a committee or Member with purview over public transportation appropriations or authorizations.

5. Yes No Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)?

6. Date of Departure: Sunday, September 29, 2024 Date of Return: Tuesday, October 1, 2024

7. a. City of departure: Arlington VA (DCA) or Dulles VA (IAD)

b. Destination(s): Anaheim CA

c. City of return: Arlington VA (DCA) or Dulles VA (IAD)

8. **Check only one.** I represent that

- a. The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965; **OR**
- b. The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent; **OR**
- c. The sponsor employs or retains a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but the trip is for attendance at a one-day event *and* lobbyist / foreign agent involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the Committee's travel regulations.

9. **Check only one of the following.**
- a. I checked 8(a) or (b) above; **OR**
 - b. I checked 8(c) above but am not offering any lodging; **OR**
 - c. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for one night; **OR**
 - d. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for two nights. If you checked this box, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted. The trip is cross-country to Anaheim CA. The travel time and time-zone differential will not facilitate a one-night trip.

10. Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities House invitees will be participating in during the travel (i.e., an hourly description of planned activities for trip invitees). *Indicate agenda is attached by checking box.*

11. **Check only one of the following.**
- a. I represent that a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip. *Signify the statement is true by clicking the box; OR*
 - b. *Not Applicable.* Trip sponsor is a U.S. institution of higher education.
12. For **each** sponsor required to submit a sponsor form, describe the sponsor's interest in the subject matter of the trip **and** its role in organizing and/or conducting the trip:
- APTA is the sole sponsor, organizer and conductor of this trip and of this event, APTA's TRANSform Conference. APTA's mission is to strengthen public transportation in the US. The conference includes a session for Congressional staff to update the industry on pending appropriations and authorization legislation.

13. **Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if necessary:**
- a. Mode of travel: Air Rail Bus Car Other (specify: _____)
 - b. Class of travel: Coach Business First Charter Other (specify: _____)
 - c. If travel will be first class, or by chartered or private aircraft, explain why such travel is warranted:

14. I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s). *Signify that the statement is true by checking box.*

15. **Check only one.** I represent that either:
- a. The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation and that meals provided to congressional participants are similar to those provided to or purchased by other event attendees; **OR**
 - b. The trip involves events that are arranged specifically *with regard* to congressional participation. If "b" is checked:
 - 1) Detail the cost *per day* of meals (approximate cost may be provided): _____
 - 2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: _____

16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:

Hotel Name: Anaheim Marriott Hotel City: Anaheim CA Cost Per Night: \$292
 Reason(s) for Selecting: The hotel was pre-selected by APTA to host the conference.

Hotel Name: _____ City: _____ Cost Per Night: _____
 Reason(s) for Selecting: _____

Hotel Name: _____ City: _____ Cost Per Night: _____
 Reason(s) for Selecting: _____

17. I represent that all expenses connected to the trip will be for actual costs incurred and not a per diem or lump sum payment. *Signify that the statement is true by checking the box.*

18. **Total Expenses for each Participant:**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts <input type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimates	Total Transportation Expenses per Participant	Total Lodging Expenses per Participant	Total Meal Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	\$781 air (estimated) \$120 taxi/local (estimated)	\$584	\$184 (calculated using GSA per diem rates)
For each Accompanying Family Member			

	Other Expenses (dollar amount per item)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	\$550	Conference Registration Fee (for Government attendees)
For each Accompanying Family Member		

19. **Check only one:**

- a. I certify that I am an officer of the organization listed below; **OR**
- b. *Not Applicable.* Trip sponsor is an individual or a U.S. institution of higher education.

20. **I certify by my signature that**

- a. **I read and understand the Committee's Travel Regulations;**
- b. **I am not a registered federal lobbyist or registered foreign agent; and**
- c. **The information on this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.**

Signature: Paul P. Skoutelas Date: August 21, 2024
 Name: Paul P. Skoutelas Title: President and CEO
 Organization: American Public Transportation Association
 Address: 1300 I Street NW, Suite 1200 East, Washington DC 20005
 Email: pskoutelas@apta.com Telephone: (202) 748-7934

If there are questions regarding this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at 202-225-7103 or travel.requests@mail.house.gov.

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September 23, 2024

Ms. Jacqueline Schmitz
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
2164 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Ms. Schmitz:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Anaheim, California, scheduled for September 29 to October 1, 2024, sponsored by American Public Transportation Association. We remind you that, because the trip sponsor employs a federal lobbyist, you may participate in officially-connected activity on one calendar day only.

You must complete an Employee Post-Travel Disclosure Form (which your employing Member must also sign) and file it, together with a Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form completed by the trip sponsor, with the Clerk of the House within 15 days after your return from travel. As part of that filing, you are also required to attach a copy of this letter and both the Traveler and Primary Trip Sponsor Forms (including attachments) you previously submitted to the Committee in seeking pre-approval for this trip. If you are required to file an annual Financial Disclosure Statement, you must also report all travel expenses totaling more than \$480 from a single source on the "Travel" schedule of your annual Financial Disclosure Statement covering this calendar year. Finally, Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting information provided to the Committee for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Committee's Office of Advice and Education at extension 5-7103.

Sincerely,

Michael Guest
Chairman

Susan Wild
Ranking Member

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**AMERICAN PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION ASSOCIATION
2024 TRANSFORM CONFERENCE**

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**AMERICAN PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION ASSOCIATION
2024 TRANSFORM CONFERENCE**

CONGRESSIONAL STAFF ITINERARY

DATE / TIME	ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION
9/29/2024	Flight to Anaheim	Depart DCA: 10:41 am (American Airlines #1218) Arrive SNA: 3:24 pm
	Arrive Marriot Hotel	5:00 pm
9/30/2024	Conference	
8:30 – 10:15 am	Keynote Address and Opening Session	<p>Keynote Speaker: Mira Sorvino, Academy Award-winning Actress, #MeToo & Human Rights Advocate</p> <p>The opening session will also feature an important and thought-provoking message from our keynote speaker, Academy Award-winning actress, documentary filmmaker, United Nations Goodwill Ambassador and lifelong champion of victims of social injustice, Mira Sorvino. Mira is a high-level communicator known for touching hearts and motivating action. Applauded for her intelligence, passion, eloquence and graciousness, her keynotes are an unforgettable encounter with one of Hollywood’s most courageous, committed and accomplished women.</p> <p>President's Welcome: Paul P. Skoutelas, President and CEO, American Public Transportation Association</p>
10:15 – 11:15 am	Exhibit Hall/ Showcase	The latest in Public Transportation Products and Innovation – some 75 exhibitors will showcase their products. Attendance at the Showcase is voluntary.

DATE / TIME	ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION
11:15 – 12:15 pm	Conference Session	<p>Making Big Things Happen: Project Delivery Success Stories</p> <p>Over the past year, transit agencies across the country have opened new lines, extended service to new parts of their regions, and upgraded operational and environmental performance. Sponsors of transformational capital projects will describe how their projects were envisioned, designed, funded, built, and poised to provide public benefits. Along the way, every project requires attention to budgets, schedules and funding. Inevitably, there are hurdles and obstacles to overcome. Panelists will tell their stories and offer their perspective on successful project delivery.</p> <p>Invited Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michael Noland, Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District • Madeline McDonnell, Gateway Development Corporation • Goran Sparrman, Sound Transit • Jennifer Pyne, Austin Transit Partnership • Michelle Bouchard, Caltrain
12:15 – 2:15 pm	Exhibit Hall Showcase	<p>Visit the Exhibit Hall Showcase. No other activities during this time and attendance is voluntary.</p>
2:15 – 3:15 pm	General Session	<p>Achieving Operational and Organizational Excellence, A Conversation with Andy Lord, Commissioner, Transport for London</p> <p>Transport for London (TfL) is a world-class transportation authority providing a complex and well-integrated mobility network for a metropolitan region of over 9 million people. Moderated by MJ Maynard, CEO of the Regional Transportation Authority of Southern Nevada, this one-on-one conversation with Andy Lord, TfL's Commissioner, will explore his vision for achieving operational and organizational excellence including long-term financial sustainability, creating an inclusive culture and providing top notch customer service.</p>

DATE / TIME	ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION
3:15 – 4:15 pm	Congressional Session	Set Up and Prep for the Congressional Session – microphone tests, logistics and session setup
4:15 – 5:15 pm	Congressional Session	<p style="text-align: center;">Congress and the Year Ahead in Infrastructure Investment</p> <p>Hear from Congressional staff from key transportation committees and offices regarding the current status of major transportation-related legislation, including the pending FY 2025 appropriations, and plans in Congress for next year.</p> <p>Congressional Staff Panel (Note: This discussion is off the record and not for attribution.)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Panelists</p> <p>US House of Representative Invitees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frances Bourne, Democratic Staff Director, Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Highways and Transit, (invited) • Doug Disrud, Republican Staff Director & Clerk, Committee on Appropriations, House Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, (invited) • Drew Feeley, Republic Staff Director, Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Highways and Transit, (invited) • Jay Hurst, Office of the Speaker of the House, Defense Adviser and Legislative Director (invited)Mira Lezell, Republican Staff Director, Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Highways and Transit, (invited) • Michelle Ortega, Legislative Counsel (invited) • Christina Monroe, Democratic House Clerk, Committee on Appropriations, House Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, (invited)

DATE / TIME	ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avery Pierson, Majority Professional Staff, Committee on Appropriations, House Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, (invited) • Ben Siegrist, Senior Majority Professional Staff, Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Highways and Transit, (invited) • Jackie Schmitz, Democratic Staff Director, Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Highways and Transit, (invited) <p>US Senate Invitees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Homer Carlisle, Majority Senior Advisor on Infrastructure, Transportation and Transit Policy, Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs, (invited) • Mike Clarke, Republican Clerk, Committee on Appropriations, Senate Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, (invited) • Michael Davisson, Professional Staff Member, Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, Subcommittee on Surface Transportation, Maritime, Freight and Ports, (invited) • Kyle Fields, Counsel, Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, Subcommittee on Surface Transportation, Maritime, Freight and Ports, (invited) • Andrew Fisher, Legislative Assistance, Senate Minority Leader (invited) • Dabney Hegg, Majority Clerk, Committee on Appropriations, Senate Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, (invited) • Anna McCloskey, Legislative Assistant, Office of Tina Smith (invited) • Jennifer Trabert, Special Assistant and Policy Aide, Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs, (invited) • Richard Sun, Transportation Counsel, Senate Majority Leader (invited)
5:30 pm	Adjourn	Conference adjourns for the day. Return to the hotel.
10/1/2024	Flight to Washington	Depart SNA: 7:00 am (United #1049) Arrive DCA: 5:02 pm



**American
Public Transportation
Association**

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Paul P. Skoutelas

August 9, 2024

Ms. Jackie Schmitz
Democratic Staff Director
House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
Subcommittee on Highways and Transit
2165 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Ms. Schmitz:

On behalf of the American Public Transportation Association (APTA), which represents an \$79 billion industry that directly employs 430,000 people and supports millions of private-sector jobs, it is my pleasure to invite you to APTA's TRANSform Conference, September 29-October 2, 2024, to be held at the Anaheim Marriott in Anaheim, California.

Specifically, we invite you to participate in a Congressional staff session: Congress and the Year Ahead in Infrastructure Investment. This session is scheduled for Monday, September 30. This session will provide a great opportunity to discuss implementation of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and the Inflation Reduction Act, and pending infrastructure investment legislation, as well as your Committee's priorities for the coming year. We also invite you to attend any of the other educational sessions at the Conference.

We expect thousands of public-sector and private industry transit professionals will join us at the Conference. The APTA TRANSform Conference serves as the premier gathering for public transportation experts to participate in workshops, undergo technical tours, and connect with peers. Distinguished speakers and informative sessions will explore state-of-the-art trends, revolutionary technology, promote mental health awareness, workforce development, innovative financing, safety, security, and more.

APTA will provide you with hotel accommodations and meals, as well as roundtrip airfare between Washington, DC, and Anaheim, CA, in accordance with Congressional ethics rules. We will follow up with additional information as necessary to facilitate approval from the Committee on Ethics.

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Ms. Jackie Schmitz

August 9, 2024

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If you have any questions about the Conference, please contact Kym Hill, Vice President, Executive Office, at khill@apta.com or 202.496.4855.

Thank you in advance for considering this opportunity to discuss legislative issues of importance to APTA's members. We know our members would benefit greatly from your insights and the information you can share.

Sincerely,



Paul P. Skoutelas
President and CEO