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APTA Applauds Obama Administration for Its Continued Focus on Transportation Infrastructure, Including High-Speed Rail

The American Public Transportation Association (APTA) applauds the Obama Administration for its continued leadership in creating a high-speed rail network in the United States. Today in Philadelphia, Vice President Biden announced a comprehensive plan that would give 80 percent of Americans access to high-speed rail within 25 years.

“High-speed rail will create a new industry that will lead to hundreds of thousands of much-needed American jobs. The Obama Administration’s commitment to high-speed rail is a commitment to building a better future for everyone,” said APTA President William Millar. “Investing in our country’s transportation infrastructure is vital for economic growth, competitiveness, and quality of life. In addition, the formation of a high-speed rail network that connects to public transportation will relieve both highway and aviation congestion.”

APTA also applauds the Obama Administration’s “Build Week” tour to highlight public transportation and highway projects. In addition to today’s high-speed rail announcement, Federal Transit Administrator Peter Rogoff visited Capital Area Transit in Raleigh, North Carolina, to see the new operations and maintenance facility that is being built with federal funds.

Public transportation is a proven job creator as every \$1 billion invested in public transportation creates and supports 36,000 jobs.

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