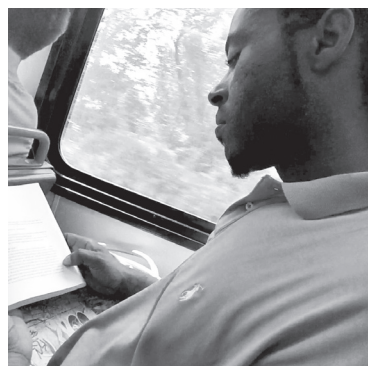
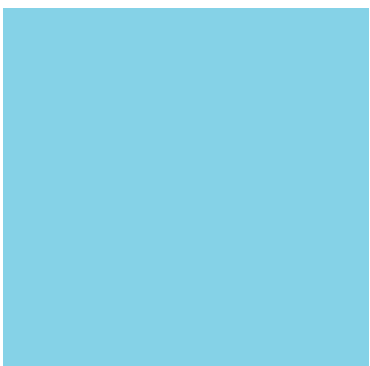


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2019 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

- **ELEVATE THE STATUS OF TRANSIT IN MISSOURI.**
- **BUILD NEW COALITIONS TO EXPAND ADVOCACY BASE.**
- **PROMOTE AND SUPPORT MPTA MEMBERS.**

The Missouri Public Transit Association (MPTA) provider members provide more than 62 million rides a year almost everywhere for everybody almost every day in Missouri, and they employ thousands in our communities. Public transit serves customers in every county – rural and urban – and is critical to meeting the transportation needs of Missouri’s citizens. Without transit, many simply could not survive. There would be fewer jobs. Traveling would be more costly. Good public transit holds the community together, while providing a significant return on investment. Missouri Transit Systems impacts your neighbors, your friends, and your co-workers each and every day

FEDERAL

MPTA supported the passage of the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation (FAST) Act which was passed into law in December 2015. The FAST Act funds surface transportation programs at over \$305 billion for fiscal years (FY) 2016 through 2020. This was the first long-term federal transportation bill since 2005.

In March, the announcement of the \$1.3 trillion FY18 Omnibus Appropriations bill outlined funding for the remainder of fiscal year through Sept. 30, 2018. The FTA was funded at \$13.5 billion, \$1B above 2017 enacted levels. In addition, funding for Bus and Bus Facilities was increased by \$400 million in FY 2018. Transit formula grants came in at the recommended FAST levels with \$834 million in additional transit infrastructure spending including \$400M for Section 5339 bus and bus facility funding. The FY19 Appropriations Bill has passed both House and Senate at \$71 billion budget.

However, the Highway Trust Fund, which supports federal grant programs for transit, is near insolvency. In addition, the future of federal funding is uncertain under the new Administration. MPTA supports examining raising the federal gas tax which has not been raised since 1993 and/or other funding mechanisms to ensure the Fund remains solvent and the federal program continues to play a part in funding transportation infrastructure at the national level. In 2018, more than \$40 million was awarded to Missouri transit providers requiring a match.