

# Community Transportation Association of America



What's Happening in DC and What You Can Do  
Midwest Transit Conference  
Oct. 21, 2025

# Fall 25 DC UPDATE

## IIJA REAUTHORIZATION UNDERWAY

T&I Bill?, Senate Engaging, Administration proposal being developed

## FTA REORGANIZATION

New leadership, significant staff reductions, capacity concerns, Bus NOFA decisions

## FY26 APPROPRIATIONS

Federal Govt current shutdown!



# IIJA REAUTHORIZATION UNDERWAY

## **House T&I**

Wants to finalize a bill in 2025. Hearings being held. Determined leadership.

## **IIJA Expires Sept. 30, 2026**

Right in the middle of the mid-term elections

## **Senate Banking**

Progress underway in EPW, with Banking starting to engage.

## **HTF Reality Check**

Key factor: When does the HTF run out of money?

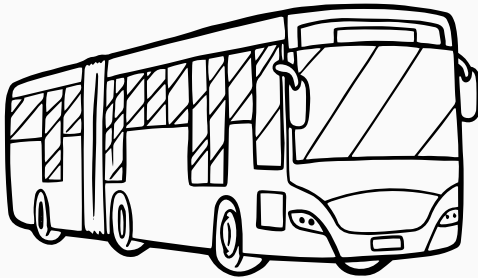
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in Public  
Transit

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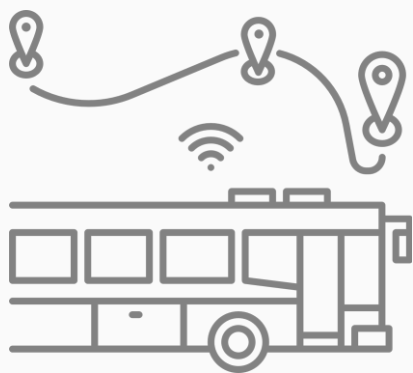
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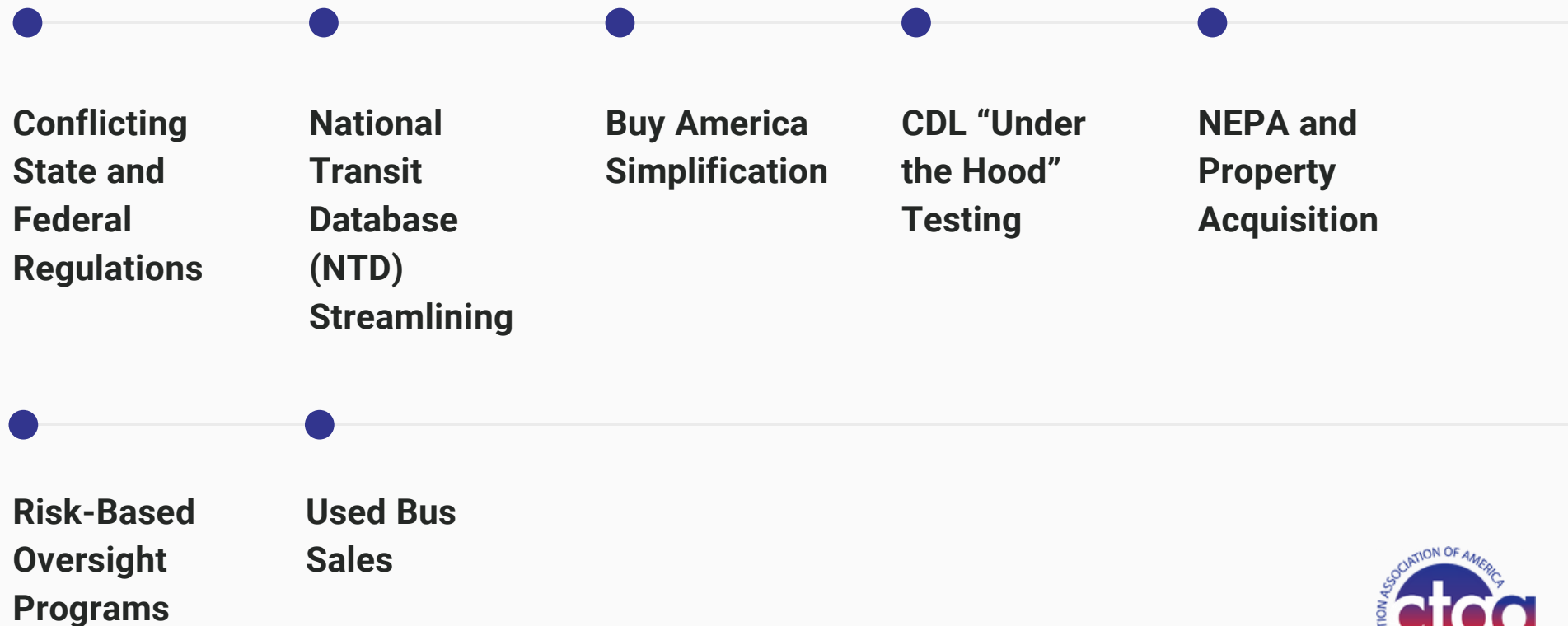
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# CTAA's Reauthorization Priorities



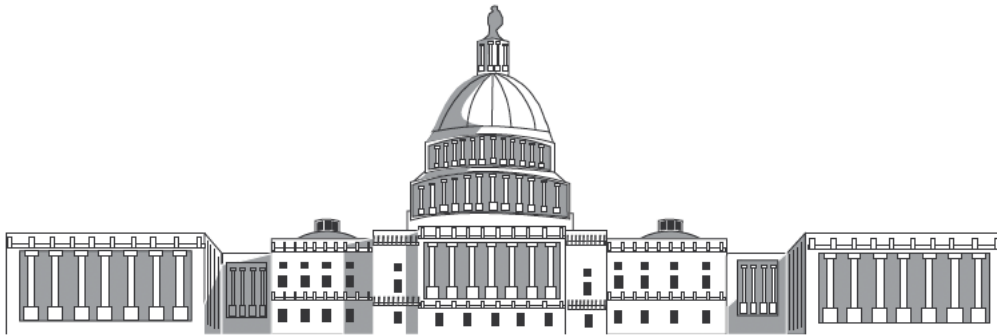
# CTAA's Regulatory Reform Targets



**IJA  
Reauthorization**

**Senate  
Banking  
Committee  
Rural Transit  
Bill**

**House and  
Senate  
stand-alone  
bills with bi-  
partisan  
support  
increasing  
STIC set  
aside**



# **CTAA's Key Congressional Efforts**

# Key Transition Issues

## Discretionary Grants & Rescissions

Some discretionary grants are still "under review"

## Master Agreements

Sanctuary states and Executive Orders

## Bus Capital

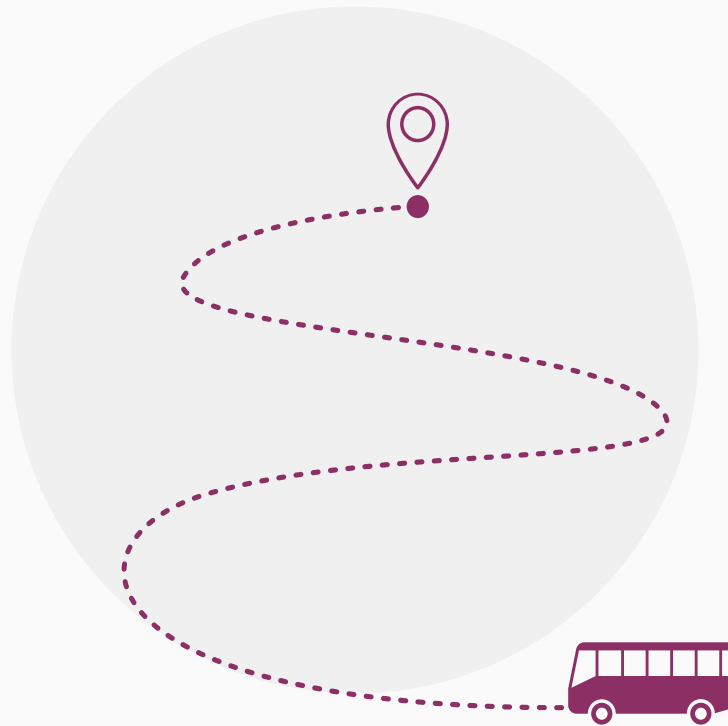
Bus NOFA, new priorities, continued support, no-low survives

## Formula vs. Competitive

What type of funding do you prefer?

## The Fiscal Cliff

Impacts all transit systems, not just the largest UZAs



# What Can You Do?

## **PROVIDE YOUR SERVICE**

Safely and  
efficiently

## **TELL YOUR STORY**

Focus on your  
value and  
outcomes

## **STAY INFORMED**

Keep up to date  
and engage.



# Provide Your Service

**Know Your  
Customers and  
Community**

**Innovate and  
Adapt**

**Focus on  
Outcomes and  
Performance**

**Getting Back to  
Pre-COVID is  
NOT the Goal**

**Build Private  
Sector  
Partnerships**



# Telling Your Story

## **TARGET: LOCAL, STATE & FEDERAL ELECTEDS**

Talk to everyone; tailor your message; build effective relationships; practice listening

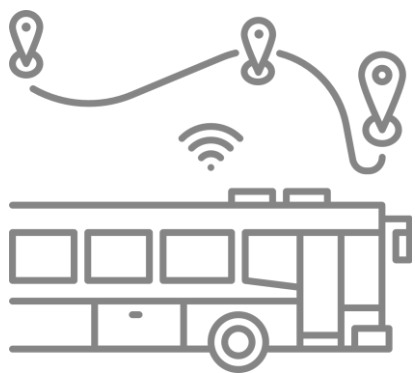
## **THE VALUE OF NON-RIDERS**

Support from the parts of the community that do not ride is essential to success

## **DATA-DRIVEN STORY TELLING**

Know your numbers inside and out (ridership, safety, mapping, etc) and use them to paint a picture





# Common Elements in Successful Transit Systems

●

**Woven into community fabric**

●

**Leadership with a long(er) range vision**

●

**Managing bus and driver challenges**

●

**Changing, adapting, evolving, dynamic**

●

**Effective relationships with local leaders**

●

**Staff has technical capacity**

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**Productive and engaged board**

# Upcoming CTAA Events

## **CTAA EXPO**

Omaha, NE  
May 10-13, 2026

## **CTAA Hill Day**

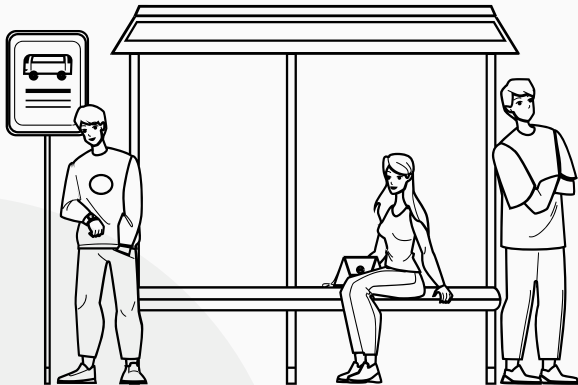
Washington, DC  
March 4-6, 2026

## **CTAA Leadership Academy**

Washington, DC  
March 1-6, 2026



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