



GETTING AMERICA TO WORK

What is *Getting America to Work*?

Getting America to Work (GATW) is a broad coalition of commuters, businesses, elected officials and transportation agencies that support vital investments in public transit. GATW focuses on advocating for the capital funding necessary to bring all of America's public transit systems into a state of good repair. This investment will preserve and create the jobs and economic development transit supports.

A National Problem Needs a National Solution

According to the FTA, there is a state of good repair (SGR) backlog of almost \$78 billion and the annual investment needed to maintain SGR after backlog is eliminated is \$14.4 billion. Transit agencies across the country are working to expand the coalition by engaging as many local advocates as possible for the additional capital investment to meet this dire need. To help create change GATW will:

- Focus on facts, data, education and high-level advocacy
- Build a diverse chorus of voices calling for investment
- Put transit on the agenda as a national priority



Getting America to Work's Draft Policy Principles

- Authorize a federal transit program that provides predictable and sustainable funding for no less than six years to accommodate the development of long-term, major capital investments needed to begin the process of bringing existing public transportation infrastructure and facilities into a state of good repair; expand current infrastructure investment and support the maintenance of these investments;
- Increase federal investment for public transportation and transportation infrastructure generally through multiple sources of funding including the federal gas tax, TIFIA, public private partnerships (P3s) and new innovative mechanisms for financing capital improvements to supplement, not supplant, transit grant funding at the federal level;
- Protect and preserve the Mass Transit Account within the Highway Trust Fund (HTF) and increase revenues to the Mass Transit Account which are dedicated to the federal transit program;
- Increase funding for a national State of Good Repair program to address high-cost capital maintenance backlogs;
- Support comprehensive approaches to multi-modal corridor planning and continue eligibility for multi-modal transit systems to access bus and bus facilities formula funding;
- Continue the pre-tax transit commuter benefit in parity with the pre-tax benefit for qualified parking



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Current *Getting America to Work* Members

Transit Agencies and Associations

- Active Transportation Alliance (IL)
- Allen County Regional Transit Authority (OH)
- American Public Transportation Association
- Athens Transit (GA)
- Atlanta Regional Commission
- Bay Area Rapid Transit (CA)
- BC Transit (NY)
- Butler County Regional Transit Authority (OH)
- Centre Area Regional Transportation Authority (PA)
- Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District (IL)
- Chatham Area Transit (GA)
- Chicago Transit Authority (IL)
- Citibus (TX)
- Connect Transit (IL)
- C-TRAN (WA)
- Dallas Area Rapid Transit (TX)
- Denver Regional Transportation District (CO)
- Duluth Transit Authority (MN)
- Eau Claire Transit (WI)
- Fort Worth Transportation Authority (TX)
- Florida Public Transportation Association (FL)
- Georgia Transit Association (GA)
- General Contractors Association of New York (NY)
- GO Transit (WI)
- Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (OH)
- Greater Lynchburg Transit Company (VA)
- Greater Peoria Mass Transit District (IL)
- Harrisburg Capital Area Transit (PA)
- Illinois Public Transportation Association (IL)
- Jackson County Mass Transit District (IL)
- Lane Transit District (OR)
- Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (CA)
- Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (GA)
- Metra (IL)
- Metropolitan Transportation Commission (CA)
- Metro Ride (WI)
- Metro RTA (OH)
- National Alliance for Public Transportation
- Advocates (NAPTA)
- Northeast Ohio Transit Coalition (OH)
- Ohio Public Transportation Association (OH)
- Ohioans for Transportation Choices (OH)
- Oklahoma Transit Association (OK)
- Ozaukee Transit (WI)
- Pace Suburban Bus (IL)
- Pennsylvania Public Transportation Association (PA)
- Port Authority of Allegheny County (PA)
- Rabbit Transportation (PA)
- Regional Transportation Authority (IL)
- Richland County Transit Board (OH)
- Riverside Transit Agency (CA)
- Rock Island County Metro Mass Transit (IL)
- Sandusky Ohio Transit System (OH)
- South East Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (PA)
- Salem-Keizer Transit (OR)
- San Mateo County Transit District (CA)
- Shoreline Metro (WI)
- Springfield Mass Transit District (IL)
- Southwest Transit Association
- St. Louis Metro (MO)
- Stevens Point Transit (WI)
- Toledo Area Regional Transit Authority (OH)
- Transit Authority of River City (TARC) (KY)
- TriMet (OR)
- Valley Transit – Appleton (WI)
- Village of Campton Hills (IL)
- Village of Hanover Park (IL)
- Virginia Railway Express (VA)
- Wausau Transit (WI)
- Whatcom Transportation Authority (WA)
- Wisconsin Urban and Rural Transit Association (WI)

Transit Advocacy Groups

- All Aboard Wisconsin (WI)
- Community Transportation Association of America (DC)
- Conference Of Minority Transportation

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- Officials (DC)
- Lake County Transportation Alliance (IL)
 - Metropolitan Planning Council (IL)
 - Transportation for Illinois Coalition (IL)

Councils of Government

- Council of Mayors Executive Committee (IL)
- Lake County Municipal League (IL)
- McHenry County Council of Mayors (IL)
- Metropolitan Mayors and Managers Caucus (IL)
- Northwest Municipal Conference (IL)
- South Suburban Mayor Managers Association (IL)
- Southwest Conference of Mayors (IL)
- Will County Governmental League (IL)
- Will County Board (IL)

Business Groups

- American Council of Engineering Companies of Illinois (IL)
- Association of Equipment Managers (WI)
- Chicago Jobs Council (IL)

- Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce (IL)
- Illinois Association of Aggregate Producers (IL)
- Illinois Road and Transportation Builders Association (IL)
- Federation of Women Contractors (IL)
- Naperville Area Chamber of Commerce (IL)
- Perimeter Community Improvement Districts (GA)
- Suburban Minority Contractors Association (IL)
- Tri-State Alliance for Regional Development (IL-IN-WI)
- Transdev (IL)

Environmental Groups

- Illinois Environmental Council (IL)

Labor Groups

- Chicago and Cook County Building & Construction Trades - AFL-CIO (IL)