



June 6, 2025



Dear Chairman Cirino, Vice-Chair Chavez, Ranking Member Hicks-Hudson and Members of the Senate Finance Committee:



NORTH CENTRAL
AREA TRANSIT

On behalf of the 65 transit systems across Ohio, we write to thank you for supporting public transit funding in HB 96. As you know, Ohio's public transit agencies play a key role in supporting workforce and economic development efforts throughout the state. In fact, according to the American Public Transportation Association (APTA), 50% of trips on public transit are to and from work. Not only does public transit help working Ohioans, but public transit is a catalyst for economic development across the state. National data shows that 87% of trips on transit directly benefit the local economy.



Additionally, public transit allows individuals to get to and from medical appointments, school and social events with ease. Because of public transit, Ohio's aging population can live independently and in their homes for longer, remaining an integrated part of the community.



We serve every facet of Ohio's population through innovative and forward-thinking mobility services including on-demand micro-transit, first and last mile solutions, and bus rapid transit. Our agencies strive to make every dollar count and be good stewards of the tax dollars graciously awarded to us by this Legislature.



Public transit agencies are proud to be a community partner in improving the lives of individuals and families in our great state. This would not be possible without your continued support of public transit GRF funding.

Thank you again for maintaining the \$37M of public transit GRF funding as passed by the House and recognizing public transit's pivotal role in serving Ohio's growing economy.

Sincerely,

Members of the Ohio Public Transit Association

