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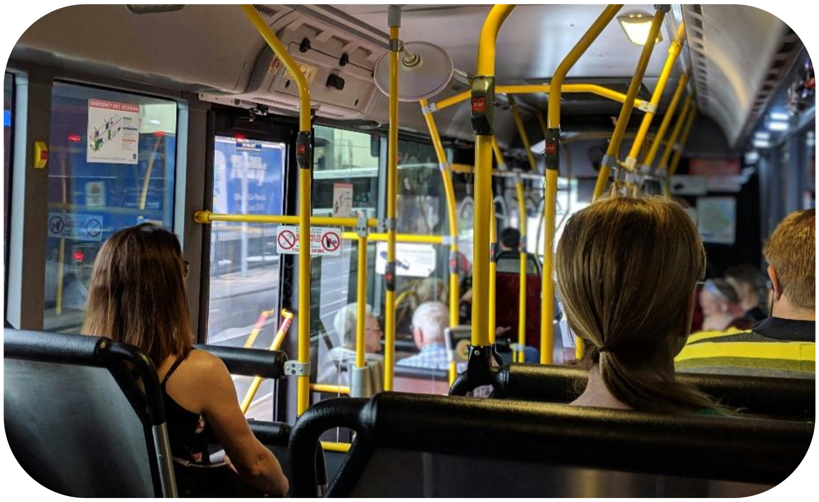
SUMMARY



Public transit is vital to America's transportation network, with 34 million weekday trips in 2023. However, its future remains uncertain. The pandemic caused ridership to drop by up to 80% in April 2020, and by 2023, it had only recovered to 73% of pre-pandemic levels. Federal aid and the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) helped sustain services, with IIJA providing $108 billion for deferred maintenance and long-awaited capital projects. Still, a $152 billion funding gap remains over the next decade. Rising costs, limited operational support, and remote work continue to challenge expansion efforts. Sustainable funding, reliable service, and integration into multimodal plans are key to increasing access and ridership.

FAST FACTS

- Transit use remains well below pre-pandemic levels. In 2023, transit ridership was at 73% of 2019 levels.
- Transit systems have $618 billion in infrastructure needs through 2033.
- 37.9% of transit workers are more than 55 years old, a sign of future staffing problems.
- It is estimated that the nation's transit programs will require $20.3 billion annually to achieve a state of good repair by 2038.

SOLUTIONS TO RAISE THE GRADE

- ✓ Encourage local and regional collaboration in transportation planning to support long-term improvements and operations.
- ✓ Support funding strategies for sustainability, resilience, and risk mitigation to address climate and economic challenges.
- ✓ Promote strong asset management to prioritize repairs, stretch funding, and improve system conditions.

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