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**An Investment in the Future of Public Transit**

In early December, Congress took a long-awaited step when it passed the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act). This important legislation is the first long-term federal transportation funding bill in nearly a decade, bringing to an end years of stopgap measures the prevented transit agencies like **[YOUR AGENCY]** from making critical investments in fleets and infrastructure. That five-year package, which includes over $61 billion for public transportation, was passed with bipartisan support in both houses of Congress.

**[YOUR AGENCY]** has been a longtime leader in calling for our national leaders to devote more resources to public transit in the United States. With demand at an all time high, transportation networks across the nation have struggled to maintain reliable fleets without adequate funding from the federal government.

With the passage of the FAST Act, **[YOUR AGENCY]** now has the opportunity to bring our fleet and infrastructure into a state of good repair. Among other things, the law calls for an 89% increase in dedicated bus funding and a streamlining of federal grants for new transportation infrastructure projects. This will be a major boost to our region’s need to address **[INSERT LOCAL NEEDS]**.

While the FAST Act is a critically important step, we urge Congress to continue making the investments in the nation’s transportation infrastructure. **[YOUR CITY/REGION]** deserves a 21st century public transit system that reliably and affordably gets you to home, work, the doctor’s office and everywhere in between. We’re committed every day to delivering you that service.