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APTA Congratulates US DOT for Allocating \$277.5 Million in Emergency Relief Funding for Public Transit Systems

The American Public Transportation Association today lauded the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for allocating \$277.5 million for emergency relief funding for public transportation services in Puerto Rico, Florida, Texas, Georgia and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

“This funding by the federal government demonstrates the importance of public transit during emergency evacuations and the critical role public transit played in helping communities recover from hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria,” said APTA President and CEO Paul P. Skoutelas.

“We thank U.S. Secretary of Transportation Elaine L. Chao and FTA Acting Administrator K. Jane Williams for their leadership and focus in the midst of the hurricanes and their continuing efforts helping communities recover and prepare for future emergencies.”

According to DOT, each state or territory will be able to use the grant funding for several major categories, such as emergency operations, damages to transit vehicles and infrastructure, and the cost of resiliency projects to better protect against future disasters.

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The American Public Transportation Association (APTA) is a nonprofit international association of more than 1,500 public and private sector organizations which represents a \$68 billion industry that directly employs 420,000 people and support millions of private sector jobs. APTA members are engaged in the areas of bus, paratransit, light rail, commuter rail, subways, waterborne services, and intercity and high-speed passenger rail. This includes: transit systems; planning, design, construction, and finance firms; product and service providers; academic institutions; transit associations and state departments of transportation. APTA is the only association in North America that represents all modes of public transportation. APTA members serve the public interest by providing safe, efficient and economical transit services and products.