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RTD joins public transit systems around the country in urging Congress to #SaveTransit

APTA-organized day of action will take place today

DENVER (March 2, 2021) – The Regional Transportation District (RTD) is joining fellow American Public Transportation Association (APTA) members and industry partners today to collectively fight to **#SaveTransit** with a day of action to show support for public transit funding in the American Rescue Plan Act.

Organized by APTA, #SaveTransit Day will shine the light on the financial crisis facing the public transportation industry and urge elected officials to take additional action. Individuals are encouraged to contact their senators to ask them to vote for a relief package that includes at least $30 billion for transit.

Participants are asked to reach out to Action Network to send a message of support, to Congress via Twitter @SenateDems and @SenateGOP, and to contact Colorado Senators Michael Bennet @SenatorBennet and John Hickenlooper @Hickenlooper asking them to include $30 billion in the budget to #SaveTransit.

"Daily during this pandemic, I have seen firsthand how critical public transit continues to be to the thousands of essential workers," said RTD General Manager and CEO Debra A. Johnson. "Our work provides a crucial backbone for individual livelihoods and the economic health and vitality of our region. As agencies like ours plan for the road to recovery, additional funding is paramount to ensure that communities throughout this nation can depend on transit systems to keep them moving."

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ABOUT RTD
The Regional Transportation District develops, operates and maintains a public transportation system that meets the transit needs of close to 3 million people within an eight-county service area in the Denver Metro region. RTD's buses, rail lines, shuttles and additional services provide approximately 100 million annual passenger trips. For more information, visit rtd-denver.com, call 303-299-6000 and follow along on social media: www.facebook.com/RideRTD, @RideRTD on Twitter, @ridertd on Instagram and rideRTDco on YouTube. For the most current RTD news, visit the News Stop, at rtd-denver.com/news-stop.

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