

Herrera Beutler Amendment Talking Points

- Under MAP-21, funding for buses was cut by 57%.
- Today, bus transit systems carry over 51% of all transit riders in America, but get less than 9.4% of all transit capital funding.
- While there are some improvements made in STRRA, the bus program doesn't come close to the 2012 funding levels.
- Under STRRA, the 50 state competitive grant bus program 5339 is mostly flat-funded with \$90M for the first year & \$200M for the remaining life of the six year bill.
- Today, there is a several billion dollar unmet bus funding need across all of America, and there is no way to come close to meeting that amount under the STRRA Act. Without additional federal funding there will be a national crisis in bus transit programs across America and service cuts will be coming to many transit systems because of the underfunding of the bus transit programs.
- Since MAP-21, there has not been a Bus & Bus Facilities program with enough funding to make it possible for bus systems in America to meet their minimum state of good repair needs. In most cases, systems are running buses on the street well beyond the FTA standard for usable life.
- Even by the end of STRRA (FY2021), America's federal bus capital programs are still **28.5% less** than their funding levels in FY 2011; meanwhile, other transit programs are 40-45% more than their FY 2011 funding levels.