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CTAA Applauds Release of Obama Administration's FY 2016 Budget Submission, Delivering Key Transit Investment

Washington, D.C. – Feb. 4, 2015. The Community Transportation Association of America (CTAA) and its more than 4,000 members enthusiastically applaud the [FY 2016 Budget Submission](#) sent to Congress by the Obama Administration on Feb. 2. The Budget Submission extends the principles of the Administration's surface transportation legislation reauthorization proposal of 2014 – the GROW AMERICA Act — and is a significant step forward in adequately investing in our nation's community and public transportation systems. Further, it reaffirms the vital role transit plays in moving all Americans and in our national economy.

Serving as the first funding year of the GROW AMERICA Act, the FY 2016 budget would increase investment in community and public transportation by more than \$8 billion annually. In particular, the Section 5339 bus capital formula program grows to nearly \$2 billion under the President's budget, delivering urgently-needed relief for the bus replacement needs of many of the nation's small urban and rural transportation providers. Moreover, formula programs grow across the board, with investment streams crucial to America's community transportation systems – such as the Section



5310 program focused on the mobility needs of older Americans and people with disabilities and the Section 5311 program supporting rural transportation systems – see significant levels of growth over current MAP-21 funding levels. Additionally, the introduction of dedicated capital investment for Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) projects is a welcome response to the interest in new BRT systems across the country.

President Obama’s Budget Submission coincides with recent bipartisan momentum in Congress to identify a revenue mechanism to support multi-year surface transportation legislation reauthorization by repatriating profits from U.S. companies earned overseas. Bipartisan co-operation between the Obama Administration and the Congress to rectify the current funding shortfall through the Highway and Transit Trust Funds is essential to ensure the millions of daily riders on America’s community and public transportation systems continue to get to work, medical care and other crucial destinations in a responsive and efficient manner.

“On behalf of the more than 4,000 members of the Community Transportation Association of America, we applaud the Obama Administration’s FY 2016 Budget Submission, affirming the value of reliable and effective mobility options to our nation’s communities,” said CTAA Executive Director Dale J. Marsico, CCTM. “We thank President Obama and Secretary Foxx for demonstrating their unwavering commitment to our nation’s community and public transportation providers and the millions of



Americans they serve every day. We look forward to strong, bipartisan leadership by Congress to translate this ambitious proposal into formal legislation as soon as possible.”

About the Community Transportation Association of America

The [Community Transportation Association](http://www.ctaa.org), established in 1989, is a national non-profit, membership association committed to removing barriers to isolation and improving mobility for all people. The Association provides informational resources, technical assistance, training and certification, and many additional resources to communities, transportation providers, and other groups to increase mobility and improve the quality of community and public transportation.

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