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Interoffice Memo

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To All MTA Employees

From Roger Snoble 

Subject APTA:Transit *Takes Action Week*

I am pleased to share with you an initiative being taken by the American Public Transportation Association (APTA), of which the MTA is a member. In preparation for Congressional action that will determine the future of federal funding for public transportation, APTA is launching **Transit Takes Action Week** from February 9-13, 2004. During these days, APTA's state of the art website (www.apta.com) will allow individuals to voice their support for Congress to support a robust transportation funding bill. This funding will help the MTA and transportation agencies across America build new transit and highway systems.

The current short-term extension to the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA 21), which allocates federal funding for public transportation and highways, expires on February 29, 2004. Communicating the importance of increased funding for public transportation to our industry will be essential in the weeks leading up to this important date as Congress considers new legislation.

Transit Takes Action Week on February 9 -13 provides you and others interested in promoting our nation's transportation needs the opportunity to voice support for increased investment in public transportation in unison. **Transit Takes Action Week** will enable individuals, like you, to affect the outcome of this legislation by using APTA's Transit Action Center at www.apta.com to write letters to our Members of Congress and convey the importance of a well-funded, long-term bill to the citizens in our community.

The Transit Action Center is a convenient, online tool that enables you to quickly and easily select a pre-written letter, or compose one of your own. The system automatically identifies your Members of Congress based on your address, and writing a letter only takes a few minutes. You can send the letter by email or fax with the click of a button.

I welcome you to join in the effort to obtain the best possible reauthorization bill for the public transportation industry. Thank you for your support in making **Transit Takes Action Week** a success. Please contact MTA Government Relations Manager Raffi Hamparian at 23769 or by email for additional information.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.