



## **WIPTA Overview**

The Wisconsin Public Transportation Association is a cohesive voice for Wisconsin transit. WIPTA members work to improve access and efficiency of transit systems across the state. WIPTA represents 28 bus systems, 43 shared-ride taxi systems, 24 associate and affiliate members, over 2,900 transit operators and \$314 million in annual transit expenditures statewide.

Transit is an increasingly necessary and popular way for Wisconsin's citizens to get to work, get to school, and even for social travel. Transit is also vital to our aging community for access to shopping, community centers, and doctors appointments.

Now more than ever, transit infrastructure is an important prerequisite for businesses to relocate or expand in a state or given community.

In both rural and suburban communities, transit is crucial for meeting the demands of seniors who wish to stay in their homes and communities. As more and more Baby Boomers retire and age, their desire to stay in their homes and be a part of their community remains a top priority that public transit affords.

Adequate state and federal investment is critical to meeting the market demand for public transit. Public transit is vital to our economic growth and delivering reliable transportation options to our urban, rural, young, and aging riders. More than one-third of the statewide transit fleet is past its useful life and cuts to operational assistance have not been restored. Like transportation infrastructure, transit requires appropriate investment to spur and maintain job growth and provide the service our communities expect.

### ***Transit in Wisconsin provides:***

- Approximately 35 million rides to work (48%)
- Approximately 17 million rides to school (23%)
- 13 million social rides (18%)
- 8 million medical rides (11%)

### ***Annual transit expenditures amount to \$314 million:***

- Passenger Revenue: 24%
- Federal Funding: 19%
- State Funding: 34%
- Local Funding: 23%