



## **Bush Administration Announces Federal Transit Budget**

WASHINGTON, DC – According to a recent report, the Bush Administration has released its FY 2008 budget proposal.

The Administration's FY 2008 budget proposal has recommended a funding level of \$9.422 billion for the federal transit program. The FY 2008 budget proposal represents an increase of \$447.2 million (5 percent) over the FY 2007 appropriation level contained in the Joint Resolution passed by the House of Representatives recently.

Public transportation organizations nationwide have expressed concerns that the requested budget limits public transportation expansion efforts. Public transportation investments authorized and guaranteed under the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act – A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) require an additional \$308 million dollars.

New rail and fixed guideway transit projects, crucial to attracting new riders, will not receive appropriate funding for FY 2008 under the proposed budget. In addition, the budget was unable to allocate an authorized \$4 million towards research and \$3.2 million for the Federal Transit Administration program.

APTA – a non-profit public transportation organization in Washington – believes the SAFETEA-LU authorized \$9.731 billion is necessary to expand public transportation, reduce dependence on imported oil, address global warming and provide convenient and affordable mobility for all.

The full report is available online at [www.apta.com](http://www.apta.com).