

KEEPING AMERICA MOVING:

FY2027 Appropriations Priorities for the Private Motorcoach Industry

Affordable Transportation. Strong Communities. National Mobility.

The private motorcoach industry is a vital part of America's transportation network—providing affordable, accessible travel while supporting economic growth, workforce mobility, tourism, emergency response, and military readiness.

Motorcoaches operate with minimal direct federal subsidy, reduce congestion, connect rural and underserved communities, and move millions of passengers safely and efficiently every year.

Why It Matters

Motorcoach and group travel generate economic activity that extends *far beyond bus operators*—driving spending at hotels, restaurants, attractions, and small businesses in every state.

Targeted FY2027 appropriations will:

- Strengthen transportation security
- Protect American manufacturing and supply chains
- Improve congestion mitigation and system efficiency
- Support rural and tourism-dependent communities
- Keep motorcoach travel affordable and accessible

2024 U.S. MOTORCOACH INDUSTRY ACTIVITY

TOTAL ECONOMIC IMPACT

\$158^B

DIRECT TRAVELER SPENDING

\$69.8^B

TOTAL TAX REVENUE

\$27.7^B

FEDERAL, STATE, & LOCAL TAX

JOBS SUPPORTED

890K+

NATIONWIDE

PASSENGER MILES TRAVELED

37.6^B

PASSENGERS TRANSPORTED

400M



American
Bus Association™
100 Years



FY2027 Appropriations Priorities

Department of Homeland Security (DHS)

Motorcoach Security Grants (TSA)

- Provide no less than \$5 million for motorcoach security grants.
- Expand eligible uses to include onboard cameras, driver protection barriers, and real-time monitoring systems.

Transportation, Housing and Urban Development (THUD)

Facility Access (FTA)

- Clarify and enforce “reasonable access” requirements for federally funded transit and rail facilities.

Congestion Programs (FHWA)

- Ensure equal access to toll relief, managed lanes, and bus-only/HOV lanes.

Idling Standards (FHWA)

- Recognize a 15-minute minimum idling threshold consistent with EPA guidance.

Commerce, Justice, Science (CJS)

Tariff Relief (Commerce)

- Exclude U.S.-origin parts and materials from motorcoach tariff calculations.
Economic Data (BEA)
- Provide \$750,000 to establish a Bus and Group Travel Satellite Account.
Economic Development Administration (EDA)

Fund Authorized Programs at FY2027 Levels:

