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**APTA Commends Congress and President Obama**  
*Statement by APTA President and CEO Michael Melaniphy*

“The American Public Transportation Association (APTA) commends Congress on approving an extension of the surface transportation law and commends President Obama for signing this 90-day extension into law. Now our congressional leaders need to make sure that a long-term surface transportation bill passes and reaches the President’s desk before the June 30 deadline.

Passage of this transportation extension has given our elected officials the time to work out differences and find a solution. The surface transportation bill is now 2 ½ years overdue and it is time to come to the table and pass this important legislation.

We look forward to working with the House in a bipartisan manner to develop a surface transportation authorization bill that preserves funding and dedicated revenues for public transportation.

APTA is encouraging its members to meet with their congressional representatives while they are in their home districts from March 30 through April 15.”

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