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From Service Cuts to Budget Shortfalls: What Is in Store for American Transportation Agencies?

With a continued historic decline in ridership numbers and no additional federal help in sight, American transportation agencies are facing some serious fiscal challenges.

These transit agencies, once considered the backbone of metropolitan economies and moving a large number of passengers to and from work, are now running virtually empty with no real solution in sight for the foreseeable future. Although the recent news about a COVID-19 vaccine provided a glimmer of hope for many local and state economies, transportation agencies still have a long way to go before reaching their pre-pandemic ridership numbers and getting back to some state of normalcy. Furthermore, given the vital role transportation agencies play in metropolitan mobility, shutting down isn't an option for any of them.

In this article, we will take a closer look at the current challenges for American transportation agencies and what the future holds.

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