

Statement of Senator Richard Shelby
Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs
Mark-up of the "Public Transportation Safety Act of 2010"
June 29, 2010

- Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
- This morning we are taking the important steps necessary to enhance the safety of public transportation systems across the country.
- While public transportation is one of the safest modes of transportation, there is more that can and should be done to improve passenger safety.

- Providing the Federal Transit Administration the authority necessary to conduct safety oversight is essential to that effort.
- This, in my view, is a glaring deficiency in current law and I am pleased that our legislation provides the FTA this authority.
- I am also pleased Mr. Chairman, that the legislation recognizes that a Transit Asset Management system will aid us in understanding and assessing the condition of local public transportation systems.

- I believe that these provisions will work together to achieve our goal of improving the safety of public transportation systems nationwide.
- I am pleased to report that the legislation before us today is the product of an extensive bipartisan effort.
- This bill clearly demonstrates what is possible when we choose to work together.
- I look forward to continuing this effort as we move this legislation forward in the coming weeks. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.