

Americans not only say they want more public transit, but they are also willing to pay for it. In 2012, nearly 80 percent of public transit ballot initiatives were approved by voters.

For every \$1 invested in public transportation, \$4 in economic returns is generated.

A Great Return on Investment

- Every \$1 billion invested in public transportation supports and creates 36,000 jobs.
- These 36,000 jobs result in roughly \$3.6 billion in business sales and generate nearly \$500 million in federal, state, and local tax revenues.
- Every \$10 million in *capital* investments in public transportation yields \$30 million in increased business sales.
- Every \$10 million in *operating* investment yields \$32 million in increased business sales.
- Seventy-four percent of government funding for transit is spent creating and supporting hundreds of thousands of private sector jobs.
- An individual can achieve an average annual savings of more than \$9,900 by taking public transportation and by living with one less car.
- Public transportation is a \$57 billion dollar industry that employs nearly 400,000 people.

Ridership Continues to Grow

Public transportation use has experienced record growth with more than 35 million weekday trips – more than 10 billion trips annually. This growth is across the board and coast-to-coast, from urban centers and suburbs, to small towns and rural areas.

Public transit is the foundation of our nation's transportation system and it benefits all Americans, whether they ride it or not.


Americans rely on public transit for their daily mobility needs. Whether getting to and from work or school, going to the doctor's, shopping, or visiting with family and friends, public transit provides a vital link for residents and their communities.

Public Transportation Plays an Important Role in the Economy

Public transportation *takes* people to work and *puts* people to work.

Public transit use reduces the nation's dependence on foreign oil. It saves gas, reduces congestion, and helps cut carbon emissions.

As America continues to look for answers to a multitude of challenges, public transportation offers many solutions.



Public transportation systems are built, operated, and funded through a partnership of local, state and federal government entities, the private sector, and riders.

The federal law that governs the nation's public transit and highway program is Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21), which expires in September 2014.

Public Transportation Investment

- Provides travel choices and independence
- Creates and supports jobs
- Boosts economic growth
- Reduces dependence on foreign oil
- Reduces traffic congestion
- Lowers carbon emissions
- Is critical to homeland security and serves as a lifeline during emergency evacuations