

Public Transportation Gets Our Economy Moving

Public transportation plays a significant role in finding smart solutions to the challenges facing America today. An increased investment in public transportation creates jobs and boosts economic growth.

Public transportation creates jobs

- Every \$1 billion invested in public transportation capital and operations creates and supports an average of 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.
- Federal investment provides more than \$10 billion annually for public transportation. This investment creates jobs and helps transit systems meet the demand for public transit services.
- Consistent long-term federal funding sources are essential to plan and finance major public transportation capital projects that have tremendous economic impact on the local economy.
- 76 percent of public funding for transit is spent creating and supporting hundreds of thousands of private sector jobs.

Public transportation benefits families and businesses

- For every \$1 invested in public transportation, \$4 is generated in economic returns.
- Every \$10 million in capital investment in public transportation can return up to \$30 million in business sales alone.
- An individual can achieve an average annual savings of more than \$10,000 by taking public transportation instead of driving and by living with one less car.
- Public transportation is a \$55 billion industry that employs more than 400,000 people.

Public transportation gets individuals where they need to go

- The American public supports increased funding for public transportation. Even as the economy slowed, 77 percent of all transit-related ballot initiatives passed throughout the country in 2010.



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Beyond the economic benefits, **by investing now in public transportation** we can also reduce our dependence on oil, protect our environment, and enhance our quality of life.

As America looks for solutions to today's challenges and begins planning for a better tomorrow, public transportation takes us there.