

Public Transportation Reduces Our Dependence on Oil

Public transportation plays a significant role in finding smart solutions to the challenges facing America today. Increased investment in public transportation is an investment in American energy independence and economic security.

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- Public transportation saves the U.S. the equivalent of 4.2 billion gallons of gasoline annually.
- In 2010, Americans took 10.2 billion trips on public transportation.
- Public transportation use saves the equivalent of 900,000 automobile fill-ups every day.
- According to the most recent Texas Transportation Institute (TTI) report on congestion, individuals who live in areas served by public transportation save 640 million gallons of fuel annually.
- Household residents living within the proximity of public transportation drive an average of 4,400 fewer miles annually compared to those with no access to public transportation.
- The average household in which at least one member uses public transportation on a given day drives 16 fewer miles per day compared to a household that does not use public transportation.
- Expanded public transit strategies coordinated with combining travel activity, land use development, and operational efficiencies are estimated to save as much as \$112 billion as compared to annual savings in vehicle costs to consumers.

Public transportation gives individuals affordable, energy-efficient alternative transportation choices

- 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.



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TAKES US THERE**
economy ▶ environment ▶ energy ▶ quality of life

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Beyond the energy benefits, **by investing now in public transportation** we can also strengthen our economy, 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.