

Economic Impact Facts



Public transportation is critical to maintain and create American jobs as well as to keep the economy moving. Long-term dedicated federal investment is critical to advancing partnership that facilitates good public transportation, ensuring our nation's global competitiveness.



Ridership

- Public transportation is available in every state & Americans took 9.9 billion trips in 2019.
- More than two-thirds of riders walk to their stop or station.
- 45% of Americans have no access to public transportation.
- 24 million times each weekday, people board public transit. Quarterly report of transit passenger ridership for U.S. and Canadian transit agencies show an 24% growth in passenger trips in first quarter of 2023 (1,662,201) vs. 2022 (1,342,458).

Providing Access to Jobs

- 87% of trips directly benefit local economies, either providing job access or connecting people to retail and recreational venues.



Increasing Personal Savings

- A two-person household can save nearly \$13,000 per year by taking public transportation and by living with one less car.
- The average household spends 16 cents of every dollar on transportation, and 93% of this goes to buying, maintaining, and operating cars.
- Home values were up to 24% higher near public transportation than in other areas. Hotels in cities with direct rail access to airports raise 11% more revenue per room than hotels in those cities without.

Investment in Public Transportation

- Public transportation is a \$80 billion industry.
- Every \$10 million in operating investment yields \$32 million in increased sales.
- Nearly 6,800 organizations provide public transportation in the United States.
- Operations are funded by a combination of fares, agency earnings, and financial assistance from state, local and federal governments.

By the Numbers

430K+
People

work for public transportation agencies



50K Jobs

created and supported per \$1 billion investment in job creation

5-to-1

ECONOMIC RETURN

produced by long-term investment in public transit

\$382 Million

IN TAX REVENUE

supported per \$1 billion investment in job creation