

# 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 stimulates economic growth.

## Public transportation stimulates the economy and creates green jobs

- Every \$1 billion invested in public transportation capital and operations 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.
- The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act provided \$8.4 billion in investment in public transportation projects. These projects created approximately 252,000 jobs for Americans and are helping transit systems meet the steadily growing demand for public transit service.
- 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.

## 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.
- Each year, an individual can achieve an average annual savings of more than \$9,000 by taking public transportation instead of driving and by living with one less car.
- Nationwide, the cost and time lost from traffic congestion would have been 15 percent worse without public transportation service.

## Public transportation gets individuals where they need to go

- In 2008, 10.7 billion trips were taken on public transportation, the highest level in more than 52 years.
- The American public supports increased funding for public transportation. Even as the economy slowed, 70 percent of all transit-related ballot initiatives passed throughout the country in 2009.



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

**As America looks for solutions to today's challenges, public transportation takes us there.**