MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER

5 Reasons to Invest in Mass Transit

Investment in mass transit has far-reaching effects that benefit homeowners, fuel the economy, and increase sustainability. Like homeownership, public transit is an essential ingredient to build strong communities: it connects people to fundamental resources while reducing issues of traffic, cost, and air pollution.

ENVIRONMENT

Mass transit improves air quality by reducing overall vehicle emissions and pollutants that contribute to smog, soot, and ground level ozone.

Communities that invest in public transit reduce the nation's carbon emissions by **37 MILLION** *metric tons annually*[1]

HOMEOWNERS

Transit infrastructure makes amenities and opportunities more accessible to homeowners, while playing a key role in increasing the value of their homes.

Households near transit spend **$2.5K – $4K LESS ON TRANSPORTATION**[5]

Homes near public transportation are **4% – 24% MORE VALUABLE** *than homes outside of all transit sheds*[5]

ECONOMY

Investing in mass transit creates thousands of new jobs and increases mobility options that spur economic activity without increasing congestion.

EVERY $1 INVESTED *in public transportation* **GENERATES $4 IN ECONOMIC RETURNS**[4]

EVERY $1 BILLION INVESTED *in public transportation* **SUPPORTS AND CREATES MORE THAN 50,000 JOBS**[4]

TRAFFIC

Public transportation alleviates traffic congestion and allows drivers to reach their destinations more quickly. This saves time and increases productivity for people in the community.

THE AVERAGE AMERICAN COMMUTER SPENDS 54 HOURS A YEAR IN TRAFFIC[2]

METROPOLITAN CITY RESIDENTS *(ATL, DC, LA, MIA, NY) spend up to* **103 HOURS A YEAR IN TRAFFIC**[2]

BUSINESSES

When communities grow so do opportunities. Public transportation enables residents to take advantage of everything their community has to offer while encouraging economic activity, and setting the stage for future growth.

$32 MILLION INCREASE IN BUSINESS SALES *for each $10 million in transit operations spending*[3]

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