

Transit works ...

for commuters

As more and more vehicles crowd our roadways, traffic congestion has an increasingly debilitating effect on our quality of life. With each passing year, Californians pay a higher price for mounting congestion – through delays, lost opportunities, higher costs, increased accidents, reduced competitiveness, pollution, frustration and much more.

- Each person traveling in peak periods via automobile wastes, on average, 62 hours a year – nearly eight full working days – in congestion delays. Public transportation services in America's most congested cities saved travelers 1.1 billion hours of added travel time each year.
- Public transportation reduces gasoline usage by 1.4 billion gallons annually, or 4 million gallons of gasoline per day – at \$3.75 a gallon, that's \$15 million a day!
- In California, transit use results in savings of 486 million gallons of oil annually, the equivalent of taking 800,000 cars off the road.
- A full rail car removes 200 cars from the road. A full bus removes 60 cars. A full van removes 12 cars.
- Transit carries 18 percent of trips into San Diego, removing 35,000 cars from the road daily. Transit carries 30 percent of all trips into central Los Angeles. Without transit, Los Angeles would need an additional 1,400 freeway lane-miles. Transit carries 38 percent of all trips in the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge corridor, without which a 50- percent increase in freeway capacity would be needed.

By improving mobility, reducing road congestion and travel time, connecting and extending transportation networks and enhancing economic opportunity, a commitment to public transit improves the quality of life for all Californians, even those who will never set foot on the bus.



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