

We'd be lost without it.

Transit drives Pennsylvania's economy and its people. But it's running out of fuel.

Pennsylvania state transit funding is vastly different from other states:

- No single adequate, reliable funding source for public transit exists
- Transit agencies must recover half of all costs from the fare box

For years, keeping transit moving meant bare-bones staffing, service cuts, and higher fares. But public transit is at the end of the line.

“Long term, the right thing to do would be to set up a reliable, dedicated funding source for public transportation...”

Philadelphia Inquirer, June 11, 2003



Unless you get involved and tell your legislators that public transit is important to you, the system will be threatened with drastic changes to make ends meet. Our businesses, our employment, our environment and ultimately our quality of life will be lost without adequate financial support.



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WHETHER YOU RIDE TRANSIT OR NOT, YOU'D BE LOST WITHOUT THE BENEFITS IT DELIVERS.

Public Transit Drives People

Business people.
Senior citizens.
Students. Every day,
thousands take buses,
trains, trolleys, subways
and vans to work, school and a variety of other
destinations. For some, public transit is the only
way to get to the doctor, the mall, the church, and
their friends and family. *They'd be lost without it.*
In our region, the Southeastern Pennsylvania
Transportation Authority (SEPTA) carries
300 million riders a year!



*“Mass transit is crucial to economic
development in the state’s towns and cities.
It connects workers to where the jobs are;
that connection expands the labor pool
for employers and reduces unemployment.”*

Philadelphia Inquirer, May 27, 2003

Public Transit Drives Business

Business profits from public transit. Thousands
of businesses depend on public transit to get their
workers to and from their jobs every day of the
year. *Businesses would be lost without it.*

Public transit takes nearly **one-out-of-every-five**
people to jobs in Philadelphia, Bucks, Chester,
Delaware and Montgomery Counties. And in
Center City Philadelphia, **a whopping 70% of all
workers ride public transit.**

Public Transit Drives The Economy

Pennsylvania’s 70 transit agencies spend more than
\$1 billion dollars in the Keystone State. SEPTA
alone spends \$670 million. And more than half of
that stays in our region.

Moreover, there is a ripple effect equal to \$6 billion.
**The \$1 billion that public transit spends returns six
times in economic benefits** to the Commonwealth.
Our economy would be lost without it.



Public Transit — Where would you be without it?

Public transit affects you even if you don't ride.

It makes a huge contribution to the environment
by allowing traffic to flow more freely and polluting
less than cars.

Consider this: **Every bus takes 40 cars off the road
and every train, 120 vehicles.** *Our environment would
be lost without it.*

Furthermore, the closer a home or business
is to public transit, the more valuable the real
estate becomes.

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BE PART OF THE SOLUTION

You can be part of the solution. Be sure to
tell your local legislator that public transit
deserves better funding. You can find your local
representative in the phone book blue pages,
or by visiting www.legis.state.pa.us.