

# Public Transportation Reduces Our Dependence on Foreign Oil

Public transportation plays a significant role in finding smart solutions to the challenges facing America today. Increased investment in public transportation is an investment in American energy independence and economic security.

## Public transportation reduces our dependence on foreign oil

- Public transportation saves the U.S. the equivalent of 4.2 billion gallons of gasoline annually – more than three times the amount of gasoline refined from the oil we import from Kuwait.
- Public transportation use saves the equivalent of 900,000 automobile fill-ups every day.
- According to the most recent Texas Transportation Institute (TTI) report on congestion, individuals who live in areas served by public transportation save 398 million gallons of fuel annually.

## Public transportation gives individuals affordable, energy-efficient choices

- Individuals that use public transportation save an average

of more than \$9,000 every year – even more as the price of fuel rises.

- Household residents living within the proximity of public transportation drive an average of 4,400 fewer miles annually compared to those with no access to public transportation.
- The average household in which at least one member uses public transportation on a given day drives 16 fewer miles per day compared to a household that does not use public transportation.
- Expanded public transit strategies coordinated with combining travel activity, land use development, and operational efficiencies are estimated to save as much as \$112 billion as compared to annual savings in vehicle costs to consumers.

Beyond the energy benefits, **by investing now in public transportation** we can also strengthen our economy, protect our environment, and enhance our quality of life.

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



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economy > environment > energy > quality of life

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