

SAVE PUBLIC TRANSIT!

Your public transportation service to work, school, day care, health care, grocery store, voting booth and elsewhere is

ENDANGERED!

You are not alone. Public transportation services in every city in Ohio are shrinking and fares rising just as the need for jobs access is greatest! Plus our population is aging and owning a car or two is too expensive for many families. Ohioans need public transit more than ever! Yet funding for public transit is not a federal or state priority -- right now:

- While federal funding still exists to build bus and train facilities, money to run those systems was eliminated a decade ago. The feds say it's up to state and local officials to find the money....
- While other states increased funding for transit, the State of Ohio (the nation's seventh-most populous state!) reduced public transportation funding by 75 percent since 2001.
- Today, transit funding is less than 1% of the Ohio Department of Transportation's \$3.8 BILLION annual budget. State officials say it's up to local officials to find the money....
- Nearly all of Ohio's urban counties are seeing their financial ability to support transit diminish as jobs and residents move to distant new suburbs built near new highways.

While federal and state governments say they can't afford to support transit, they spend your tax money for new roads to build new suburbs that drain your aging neighborhood of residents and jobs. That disperses local taxes--the last resource keeping transit alive. Your access to jobs, food, education, health care and even the voting booth is at stake!

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION IS A CIVIL RIGHTS ISSUE!!!

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**Ask them: "Please provide more funding for public transportation."
Tell them: how fewer transit services and/or higher fares affect you.**

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