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Public Transportation Reduces Gasoline Costs...

- A typical transit rider consumes roughly half as much gasoline as a driver with no transit access¹.
- U.S. public transportation saves 1.4 billion gallons of fuel each year².
- At June's average gasoline price of \$4.09 per gallon, that equals a \$5.72 billion fuel cost savings for workers and families.
- The influence of public transportation on local neighborhood development cuts driving rates further, saving an additional 4.2 billion gallons of fuel annually, worth \$17.2 billion³.



...But Few Families Have This Choice, And Are Forced to Drive



- Only 5 percent of U.S. commuters take public transportation to work because most lack convenient access⁴.
- Less than 5 percent of Americans live within one-half mile of rail transit⁵.
- Only 49 percent of Americans live within one-quarter mile of any public transportation⁶.
- Of those who do live near rail transit, 33 percent regularly use it, and 44 percent also regularly travel by walking or bicycle⁷.

Public Transportation Creates Green Jobs, Fights Climate Change

- Investment in public transportation stimulates the economy by boosting industries that are hardest hit by economic downturns such as construction and building materials.
- Every \$1 billion invested in public transportation creates between 41,000 and 47,500 green collar jobs – 19 percent more than new road and bridge construction⁸.
- A typical two-adult, two-car household can cut greenhouse gas emissions up to 30 percent by eliminating one car and taking public transportation instead of driving⁹.



1 Public Transportation and Petroleum Savings in the U.S.: Reducing Dependence on Oil. ICF International, January 2007

2 Ibid.

3 Ibid.

4 U.S. Census Data/Household Transportation Survey

5 Center for Transit Oriented Development

6 American Public Transportation Association

7 Center for Transit Oriented Development

8 Surface Transportation Policy Partnership and other sources

9 Public Transportation's Contribution to U.S. Greenhouse Gas Reduction. Science Applications International Corporation, September 2007