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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 access.¹
- U.S. public transportation saves 1.4 billion gallons of fuel each year.²
- 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 billion.³



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



- Only five percent of U.S. commuters take public transportation to work because most lack convenient access.⁴
- Fewer than five percent of Americans live within one-half mile of rail transit.⁵
- Only 49 percent of Americans live within one-quarter mile of any public transportation.⁶
- Of those who live near rail transit, 33 percent regularly use it; additionally, 44 percent of people in these communities regularly walk or bicycle.⁷

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 at least 41,000 green collar jobs – 19 percent more than new road and bridge construction.⁸
- 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 driving.⁹



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/[National Household Transportation Survey](#)

5 Center for Transit Oriented Development

6 Surface Transportation Policy Partnership: [Decoder #3](#)

7 Center for Transit Oriented Development

8 Surface Transportation Policy Partnership: [Decoder #11](#)

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