Transit Choices Public Transportation's Essential Role in Economic Recovery and Building-Back-Better

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APTA in Context

Principal public transportation trade organization in North America, with more than 1,500 transit, business, and other members.

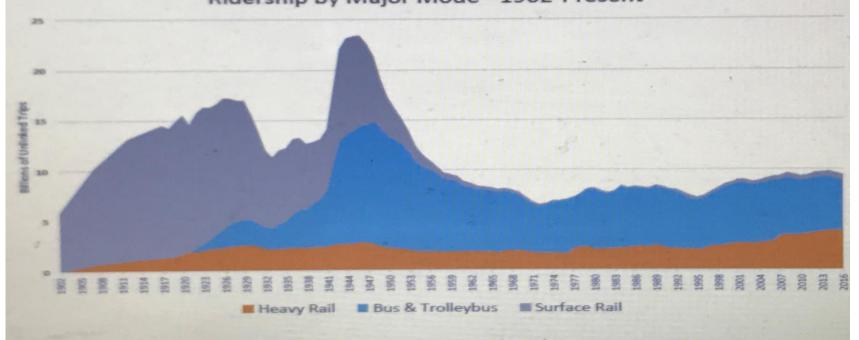
Began in 1882—the era of horse-drawn street railway cars.





Transit Ridership History

Ridership by Major Mode - 1902-Present



Transit Agencies Continue to Renew Their Missions and Reinvent Service

Protecting Riders and Workers

Adjusting Service

Serving Broader Community Needs

Embracing Change in Fare Payment and Fare Policy

Reorienting Streets and Communities



Mobility Recovery and Restoration Task Force







Transit Priorities Post-COVID-19

- Broadening the funding base for transit agencies
- Finding approaches to persons experiencing homeless
- Developing new metrics for measuring the value of transit to communities
- Defining and expanding transit's role in addressing racial and economic inequities in our communities.
- Seize the opportunity to come back differently
- Prepare the transit industry with safeguards and mobility practices in anticipation of any future pandemic



Pathways to Financial Recovery

Federal Opportunities

- COVID Emergency Relief
- Jobs & Economic Recovery
- Infrastructure Initiative
- Climate Initiative
- Passenger Rail Initiative
- FAST Act Reauthorizaton

State & Local

Need to figure out sustainable support as federal emergency relief funding wanes.



Sample Transit Actions Amid the Pandemic:

- Contactless / Mobile Ticketing
- Service adjustments / frequency / gaps
- Crowding apps
- Flexible Passes
- Vending Machines PPE
- Hospital Grade Air Filters
- Advancing capital construction



Service Restructuring

- Essential Workers
- Frequent Service on Core Routes
- Max Ridership not the Goal
- Filling Service Gaps
- Late Shift Workers
- Multiple Hubs
- Flattening the Demand Curve
- Universal Design





Low-Income Fares

- Low-income Fare Programs for **Qualifying Individuals**
- **Children / Unemployed / Treatment**
- **Fare Capping Programs**
- **Fare-Free Considerations Pre-COVID**
- **Fare-Free Considerations Post-COVID**
- **Digital Fare Equity**

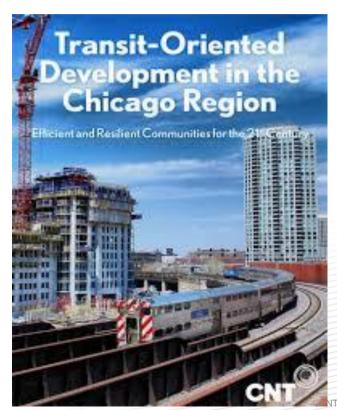




Transit Affordability / Affordable Housing

- Equitable TOD
- Incentives for increased housing density near transit zones
- Incentives for low-income housing to be build near transit
- Building Heights / Parking Minimums
- Retrofit Suburbs
- Transit Savings Index





Sustainable Mobility

- Clean Fuels
- Green Buildings
- Transit Oriented Communities
- Resilient Infrastructure
- Justice / Equity / Inclusion / Social Accountability
- Sustainability Commitment Program
- Transit as a Central Strategy





Transit and Economic Recovery

- Stronger, more resilient, more sustainable, more equitable, and more customer centric.
- Access to jobs, health-care, education and economic opportunity
- Repurpose streets, sidewalks and the curb
- Infrastructure investment and job creation





Innovative Mobility

- On-Demand Microtransit
- Integrated Mobility / Partnerships
- Real-time Information
- Mobility-as-a-Service
- Mobility Hubs
- The Complete Trip
- Rides to Wellness
- Automation Tools
- Technology and Innovation





APTA's Mobility Platform

- **Customer-Centric**
- **Equitable**
- **Integrated**
- Resourced
- **Privacy-Protected**
- **Sustainable**



APTA's Mobility Platform

IN TODAY'S ERA OF TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGE, public transportation continues as the backbone for connecting and building thriving communities. There is no other way to move large numbers of people quickly, safely, affordably and with a minimum of environmental impact.

A healthy mobility ecosystem requires that public transportation be:



INTEGRATED

mobility network

SUSTAINABLE Public transportation agencies must continue to test and adopt new service models and technologies that can enhance the customer



Thank you for your time and attention!

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