## **Transit Investments Build Michigan**

## **Public Transportation = Freedom**

Whether on buses, trains, senior shuttles, rapid transit, streetcars, dial-a-ride services, or on-demand rides, **Michigan's public transit services provide freedom of mobility for tens of thousands of Michiganders** who can't or don't drive for a wide variety of reasons.

- Seniors
- Students
- Veterans
- Low-income workers
  - People whose car breaks down
- People who can't legally drive
- One-car families People with anxiety

- People with disabilities
- People who can't afford to drive
- Immigrants without a license
- Others who don't want to drive



Across Michigan, 77 transit agencies provide essential mobility services in all of Michigan's 83 counties.

## **Transit Benefits All Michiganders**

Even for people who never ride, transit makes our state more efficient, affordable, and attractive.

- **COMMUNITY: We all depend on people who depend on transit**, many of whom are essential workers like nurses, janitors, grocery clerks, cooks, pharmacy techs, day care workers, and many others.
- **AFFORDABILITY**: Families able to use transit **save thousands of dollars** they can instead invest in education, home repairs, healthy food, and local businesses.
- **SUSTAINABILITY**: Enabling people to drive less by providing attractive alternatives is critical to meet Michigan's climate commitments, use less fuel, and ensure clean air.
- SAFETY: People riding transit means fewer cars on the road, less traffic, and safer streets.
- **COMPETITIVENESS**: Investments in high quality rapid transit would make **Michigan more** attractive to talented young people – more of whom prefer walkable urban areas where driving is a choice – and the businesses seeking to hire them.

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