

How Innovation, Consumer Preferences and Technology are Transforming Public Transit

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OVERVIEW

- 1. Trade offs in transit planning—coverage vs. ridership
- 2. New tools in transit planning
- 3. Transit innovations in other regions
- 4. Transportation takeaways for Idaho



TRADE OFFS IN TRANSIT PLANNING



EXERCISE: \$200 TRANSIT BUDGET

PURPLE	10 MIN	\$15 each
BLUE	20 MIN	\$10 each
YELLOW	60 MIN	\$5 each



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What makes transit work?

Street connectivity The gridded street network of The lack of street connectivity downtown Raleigh makes it easy along Creedmoor Road in North to reach many different bus stops Hills, Raleigh, limits available walk paths to reach bus stops (dots). Sidewalks Sidewalks, represented by the Stretches of Capital Boulevard in blue-green lines, are available on Raleigh lack sidewalks (blue-green many streets for riders to use to lines), forcing riders traveling to reach their bus stops (dots). Areas and from bus stops (dots) to walk around Old Wake Forest Road in along the shoulder of a North Hills, Raleigh, provide plenty busy arterial. of sidewalks for riders. Crossings This intersection in Southwest A lack of marked crossings along Raleigh includes marked crossings, US-70 in South Raleigh makes it allowing riders to easily reach their difficult for riders to reach their bus bus stops and destinations. stops and destinations.

Figure 21: Walkability - Comparisons from Wake County





IndyGo deciding which routes should get focus and resources



Highs and lows

IndyGo's 6.8 million rides through August this year were concentrated in a few busy routes and declined on others.

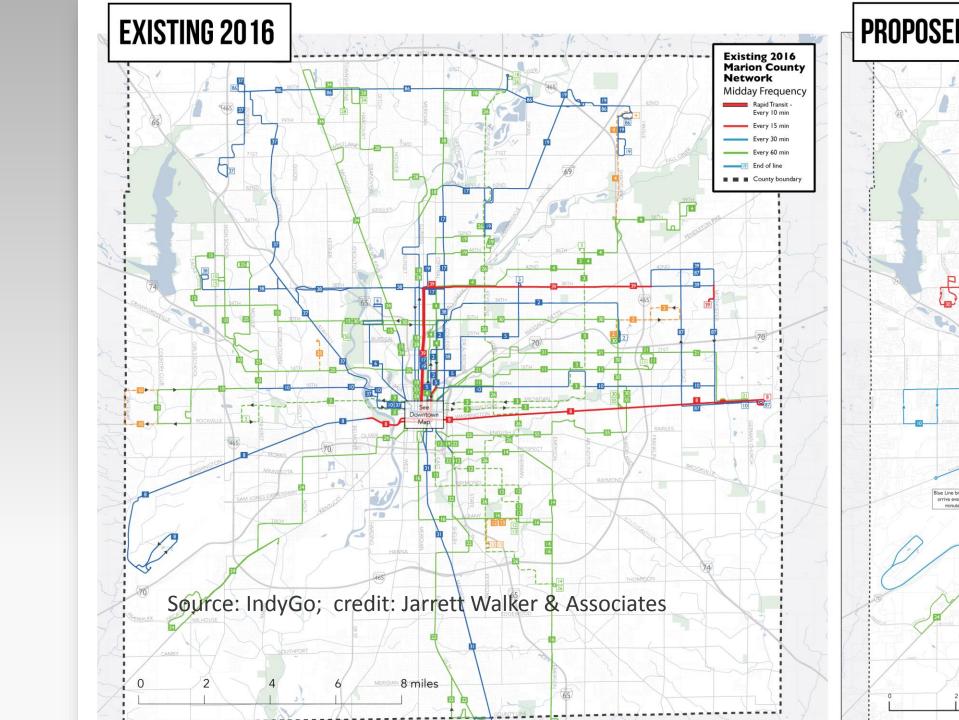
Forty percent of ridership focused on three routes:

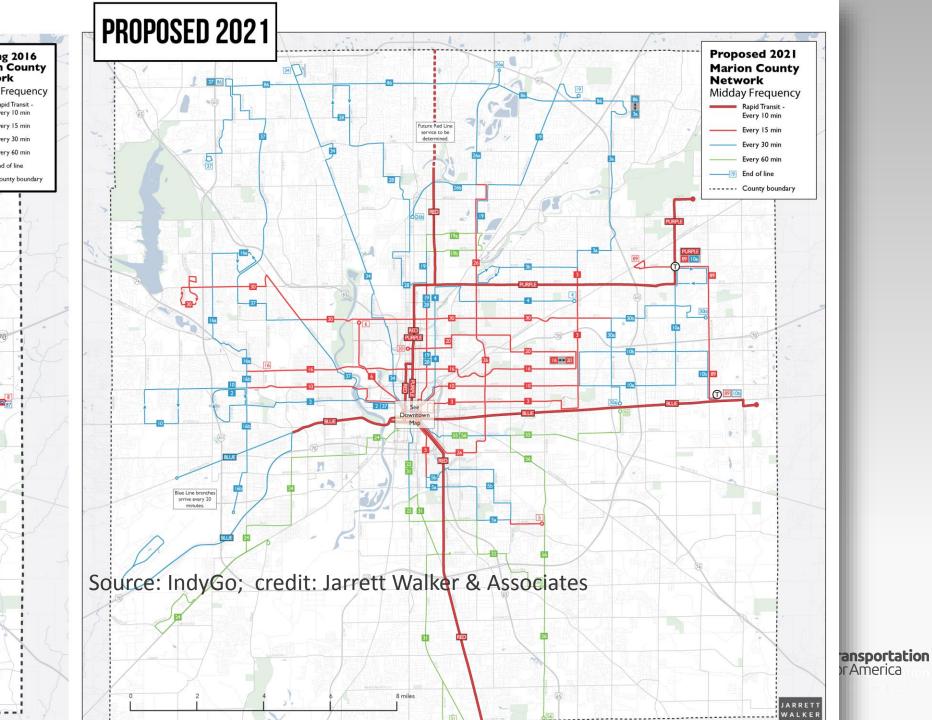
Rou	ite	Ridership through August	
8	Washington Street	1,002,500	
39	38th Street	931,185	
10	Tenth Street	806,154	

Ridership fell by double digits on four routes:

Route	Ridership through August	Decline from a year ago
11 East 16th Street	35,721	21.6%
28 St. Vincent	130,040	11.8%
16 Beech Grove	93,762	11.4%
2 East 34th Street	153,622	10.8%
	S	ource: IndyGo



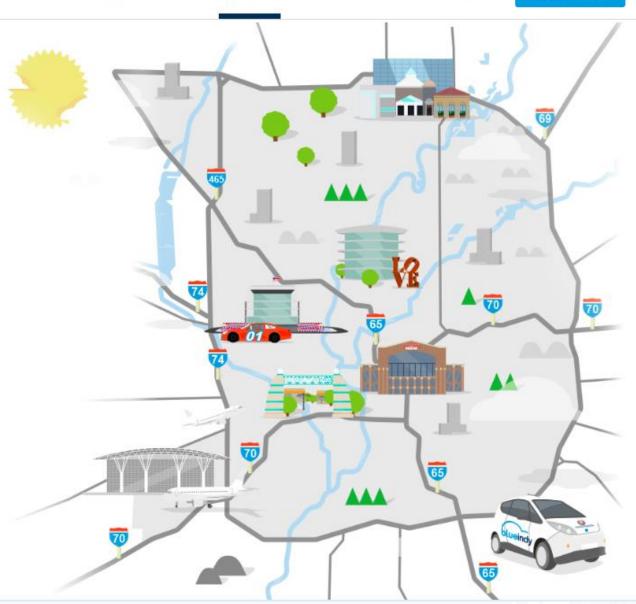




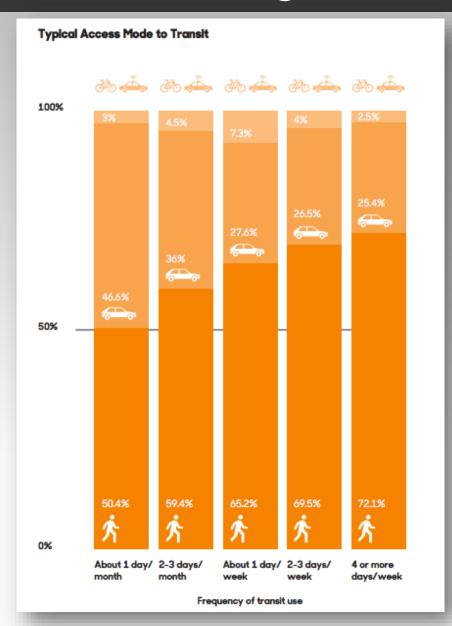
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UP TO **200 locations**

The city is all yours. With up to 200 locations planned in Indy, you can find an electric car wherever you need one. From downtown to the city limits, north to south and east to west, Bluelndy lets you follow your whims, whatever road they may take. The adventure starts now; only you can decide where it will take you.

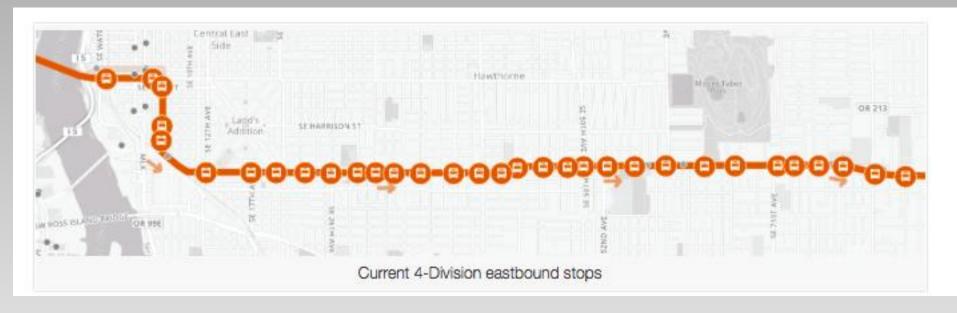


More walking = more transit ridership

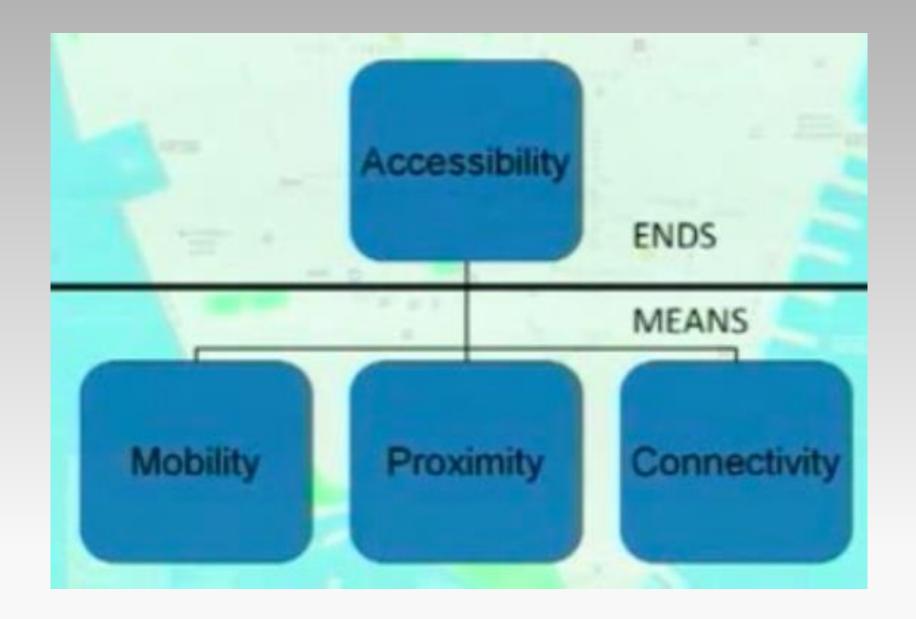


TransitCenter: "Who's on Board 2016"











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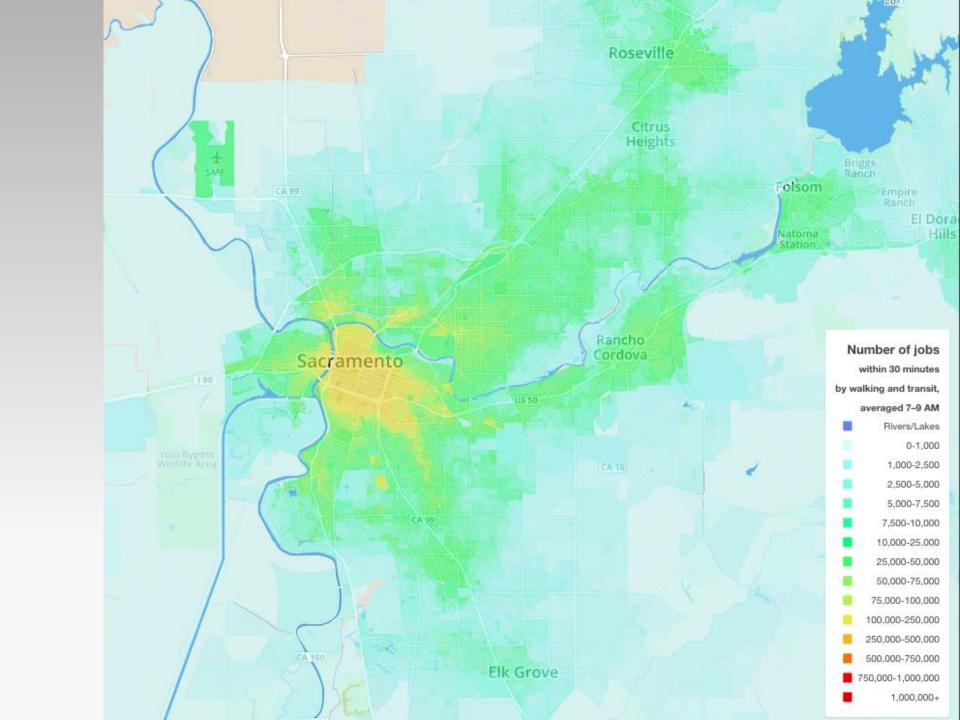
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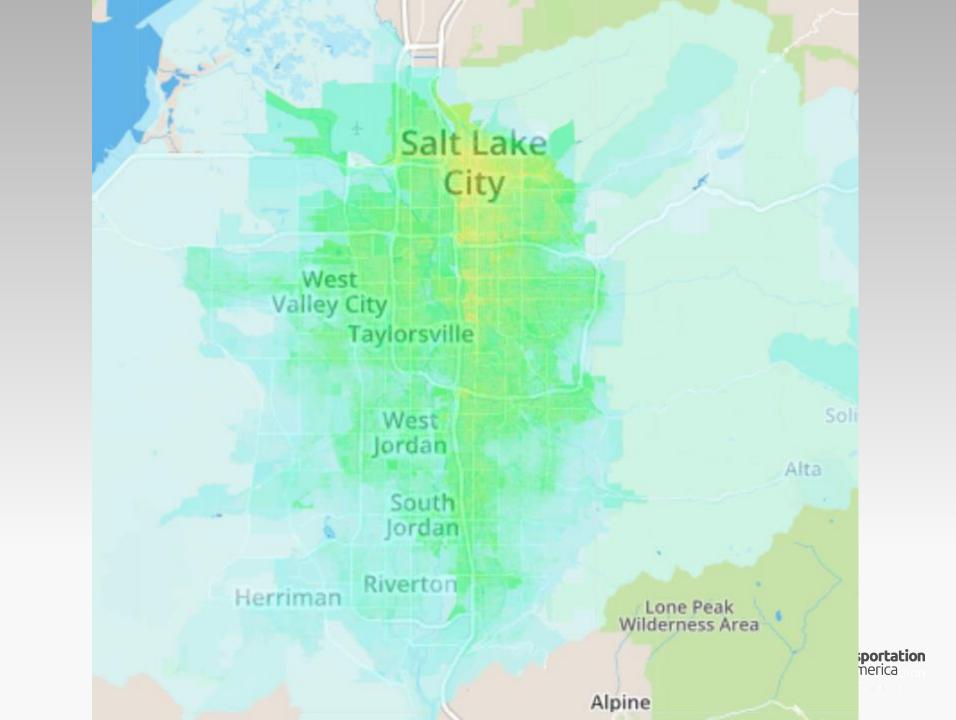
Access Across America: Transit 2014 Accessibility Maps

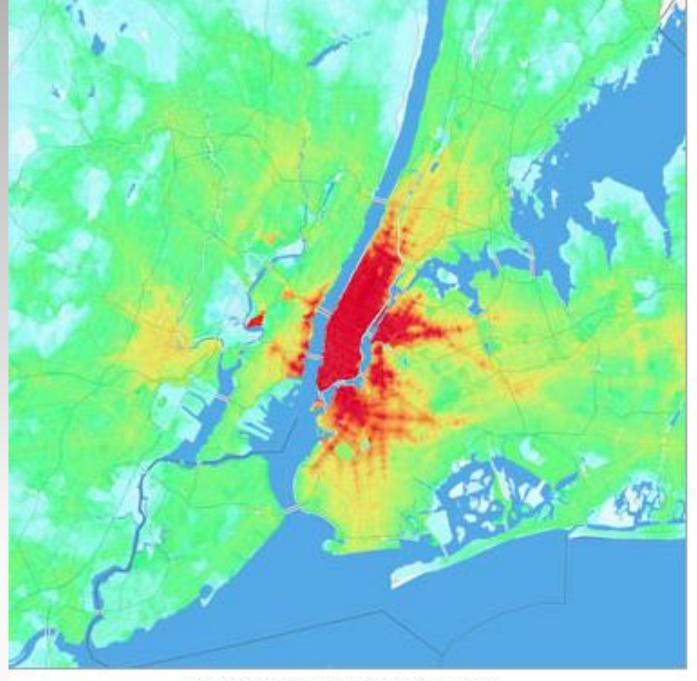
The following maps show summary accessibility data and maps for each of the 46 metropolitan areas included in the study.

The maps show 30-minute accessibility values at the Census block level. Lighter colors indicate few jobs can be reached within 30 minutes; darker colors indicate more jobs can be reached within 30 minutes. At the highest levels, millions of jobs are accessible by transit within 30 minutes. Travel times include walking, waiting, riding, and transfers.









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Accessibility map of New York City

NEW TOOLS IN TRANSIT PLANNING

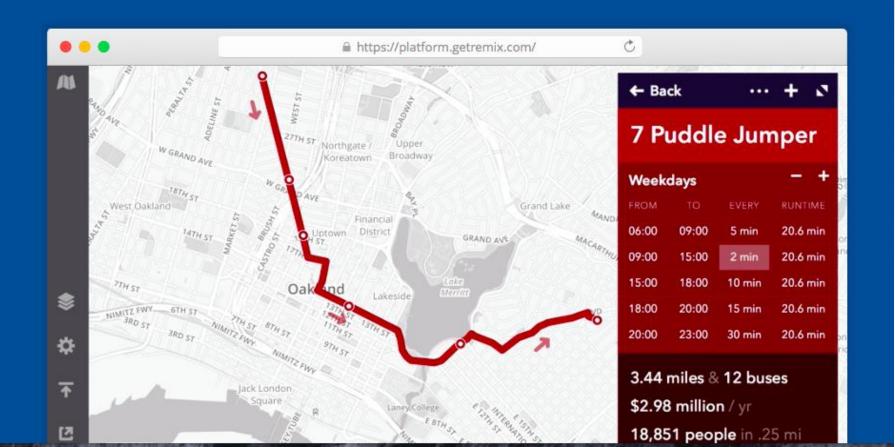




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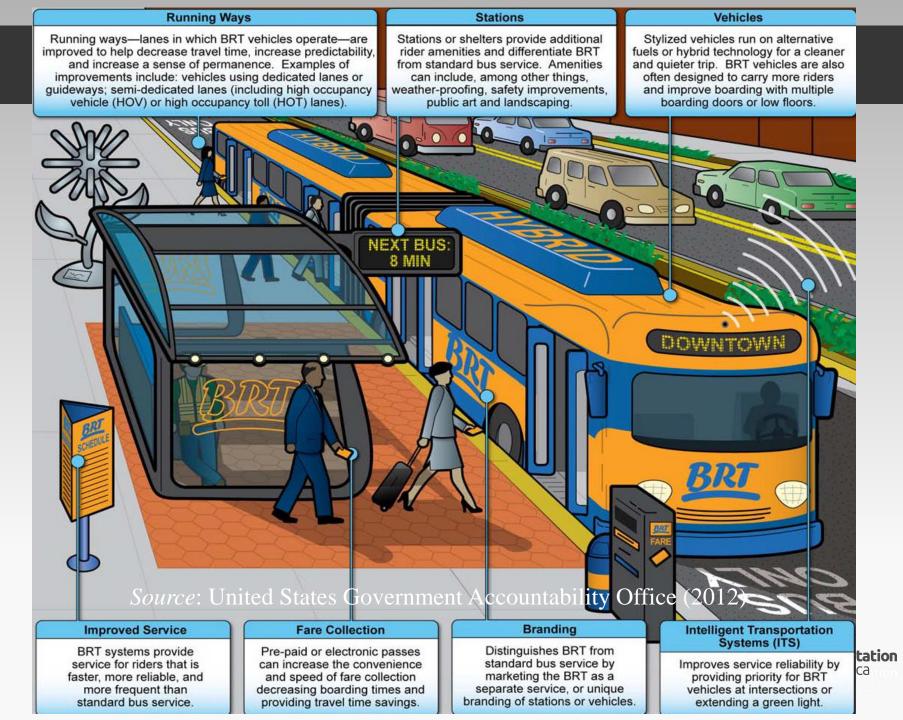
CASE STUDIES



U.S. regions building or considering new bus rapid transit service - 2016

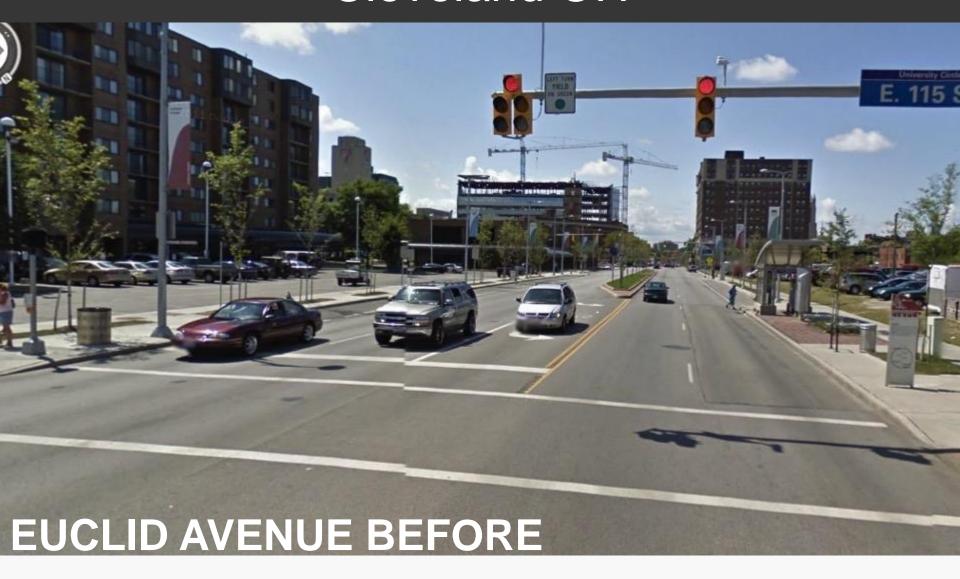


Data on BRT systems that are planned, funded or under construction comes from Yonah Freemark and Steven Vance's Transit Explorer project. January 2016. http://www.thetransportpolitic.com/transitexplorer/

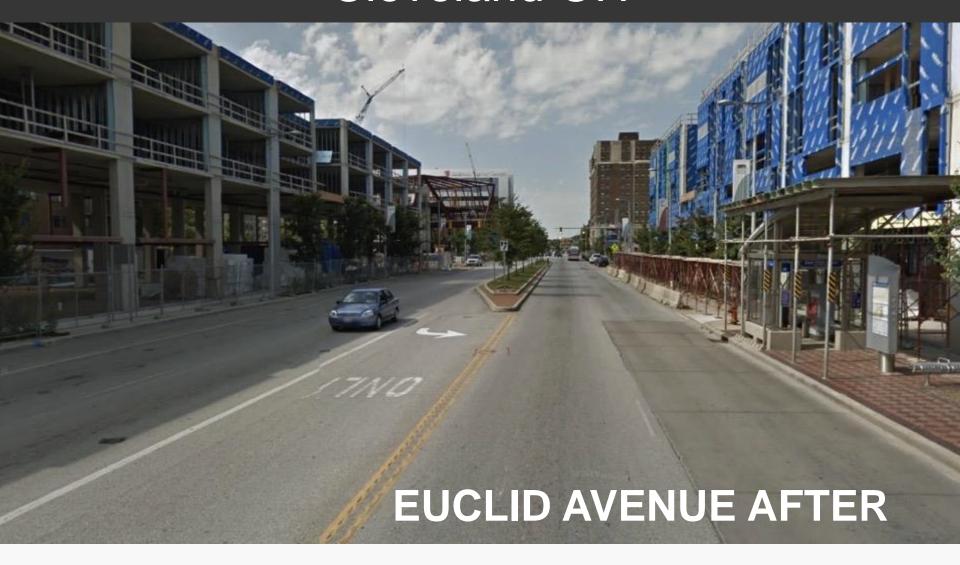


Built bus rapid transit system – "Health Line"
Opened in 2008 replacing local bus service
Ridership increased 54% - 14,300 people/day
Reduced transit travel time 29% along corridor













BRT Gaining Office Share

OFFICE Development Metric	BRT Metros
2000-2007	
New Office Square Feet	39.0 million square feet
Within less than 1/2 mile of BRT	4.5 million square feet
Share	11%
2007-2015	
New Office Square Feet	13.7 million square feet
Within less than 1/2 mile of BRT	2.1 million square feet
Share	15%
Change in Share of New Office Development	33%



From Pre-Recession Job Hemorrhaging to Post-Recession Turn-Around

BRT Summary	BRT Corridor 2002-2007	BRT Corridor 2007-2011
Average Job Change in BRT Corridors	-455	22



Major Disruptive Technologies

- Geolocation
- Ridematching
- Fare Payment
- Driverless vehicles



Some Important Definitions

Mode	Working Definition
Car-sharing	One car – multiple drivers
Ride-sharing	Existing trip being taken – add at least 1 passenger (no new vehicle trips added)
Ride-hailing	One driver – 1+ passengers (taxis/Uber/Lyft)
Vanpools	Existing trip – volunteer driver (ridesharing with 1+ passengers – typically work)
Microtransit	One vehicle – demand driven – fixed OR deviated route – many passengers – professional driver
Transit	One vehicle – fixed route – many passengers – professional driver
BRT (Bus Rapid Transit)	Same as transit – but with dedicated lanes, fare prepayment, signal priority etc.

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Major Technological Innovations

- Geolocation
- Ridematching
- Dynamic Routing & Scheduling
- In-App Fare Payments (across multiple modes)
- Driverless vehicles



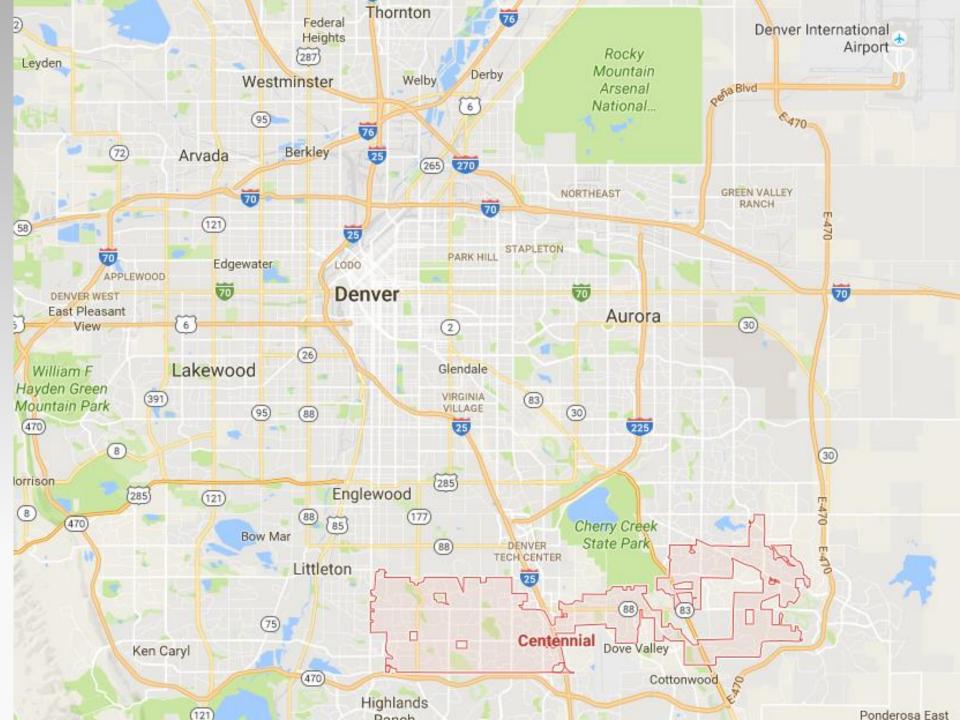
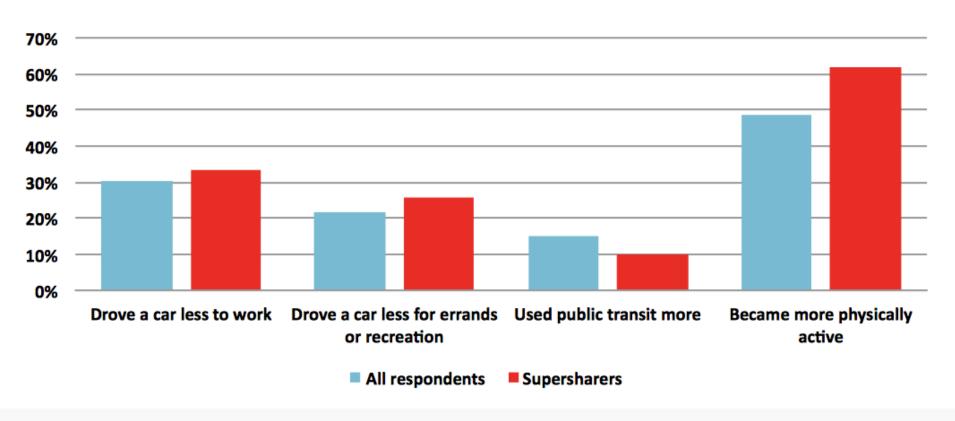
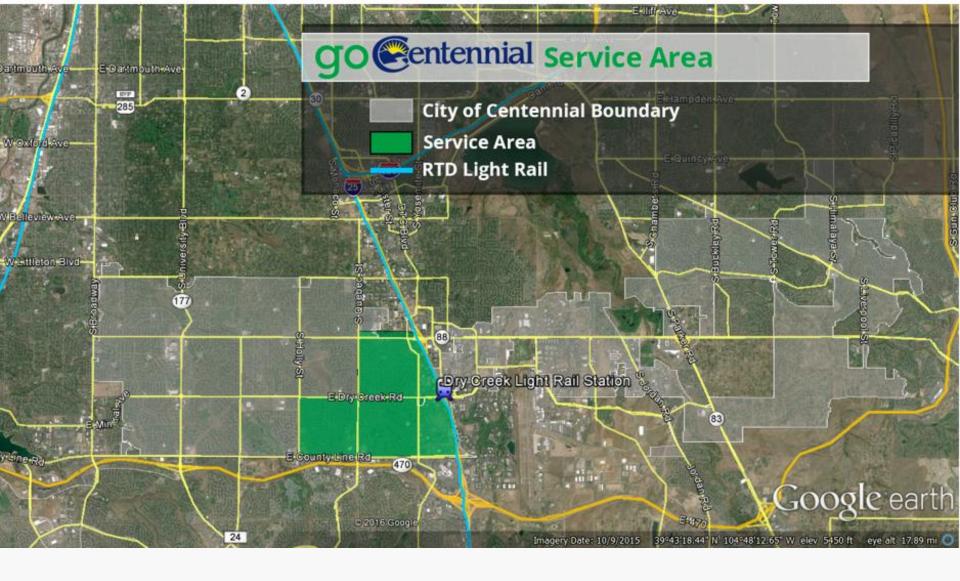


Figure 4:
Lifestyle changes since starting to use shared modes (net change)
—supersharers v. all respondents⁴

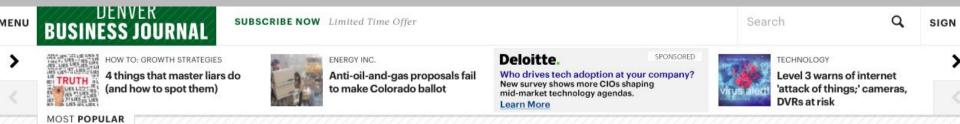


Source: SUMC and APTA; March 2016









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Metro Denver city experiments with free Lyft rides to light rail

INDUSTRIES & TAGS Transportation, Energy, Technology, Innovation, TechFlash, Energy Inc., Rail Transport



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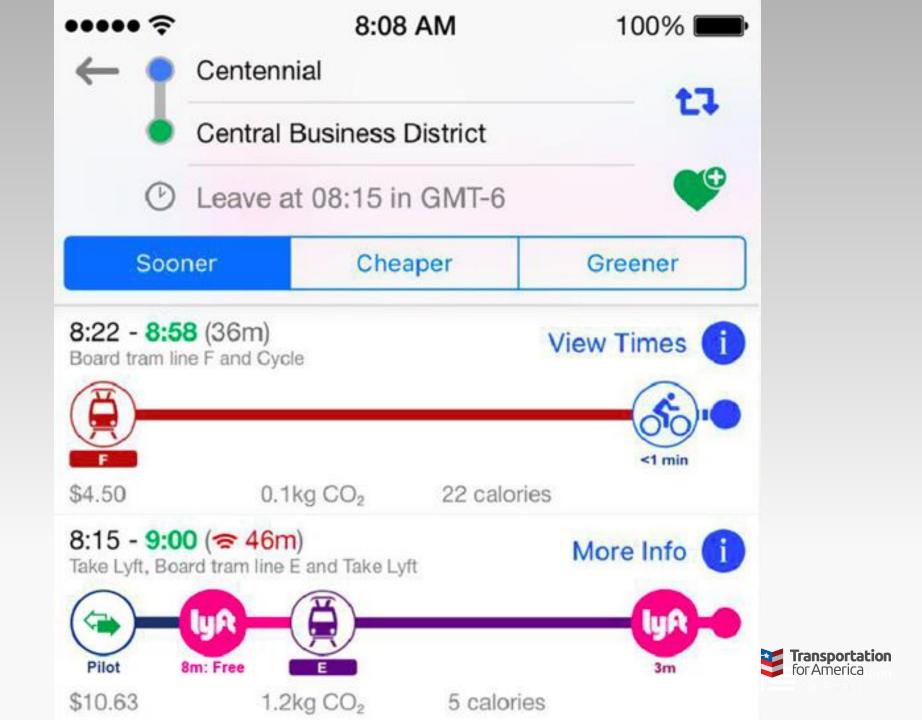


Denver's mass transit system is expanding – particularly its rail network – but sometimes just getting to the train station is the biggest hurdle.



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Pinellas County, FL









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TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVE

PSTA is partnering with Uber and United Taxi to provide access to the public transit network in underserved areas. PSTA will pay half the fare, up to \$3 per ride to and from designated stops within the zone.

Wheelchair van service is available for those unable to ride in a sedan by calling 727-536-7433 x1 and asking for same-day PSTA service





NO WONDERING

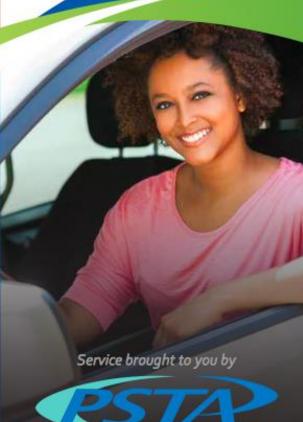
NO WAITING







Taking You to the Bus Stop





HOW TO RIDE

- 1. Choose a provider
- 2. Request a ride

 - Apply promo code 'PSTA' in the Uber app, then slide over to the 'PSTA' option to request a ride
 - United Taxi via phone or app

3. Pay your fare

- → PSTA pays half the fare up to \$3
- United taxi accepts both cash and credit card
- Uber accepts credit card via the app
- 4. Travel to or from a designated stop in the same trip

SERVICE PROVIDERS



Submit a trip request using the Uber app and get a reliable ride in minutes. PSTA will pay half the fare up to \$3 per ride to or from designated stop.

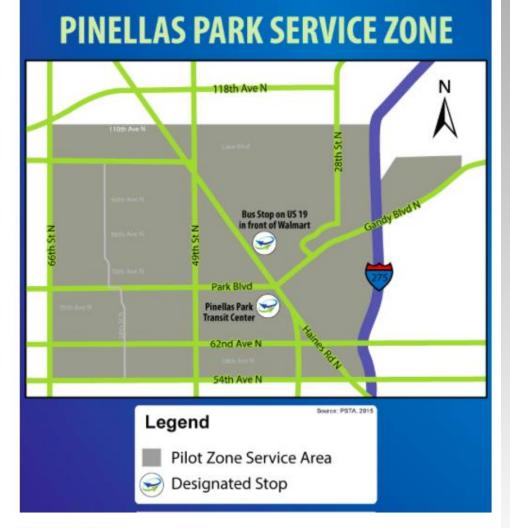


Submit a trip request by calling 727-777-777 or by using the app. PSTA will pay half the fare up to \$3 per ride to or from designated stop.

STOPS

Pinellas Park Transit Center
3801 70th Ave N
(South end of Shoppes at Park Place)

US 19 in front of Walmart 8001 US Hwy 19 N

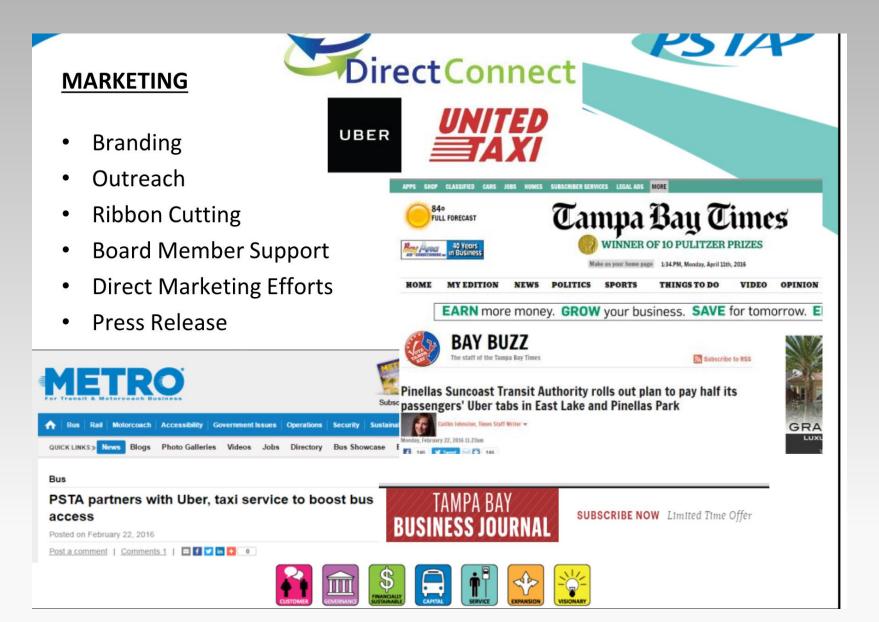


Pinellas Park

How to Ride

- 1. Choose a provider
- 2. Request a ride
 - Download the Uber app: Google Play | App Store
 Apply promo code 'PSTA' in the Uber app, then slide to the 'PSTA' option to request a ride
 - Download the United Taxi app: Google Play | App Store
 - United Taxi via phone 727-777-7777 or app
- 3. Pay your fare
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Pinellas County, FL

- Two services cut: one fixed route, one shuttle
- 6 month pilot \$40,000 half of prior service cost
- Provided paratransit service plus dial-up service
- Expanded pilot to 20 more cities August 2016
- New service "TD late shift" for low income workers
 - 9pm-6am free rides on Uber

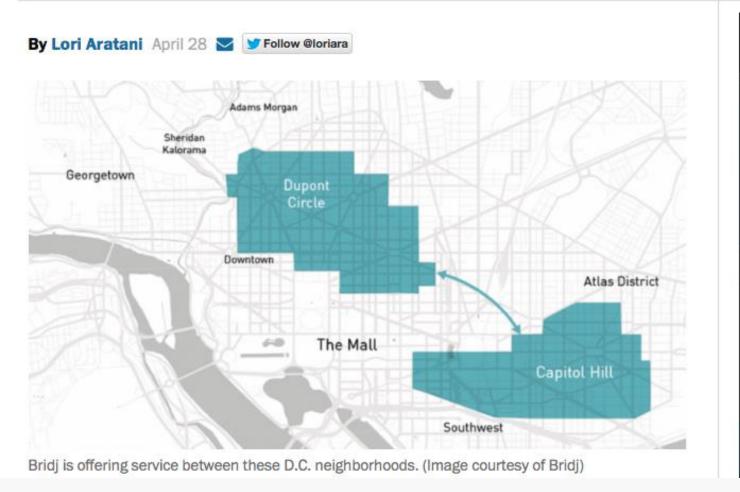


Dr. Gridlock

Bridj pop-up bus service arrives in D.C.







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Kansas City, MO



One of the pilot program's new Bridj vans. (Kansas City Area Transit Authority)

Gainesville, Fla.

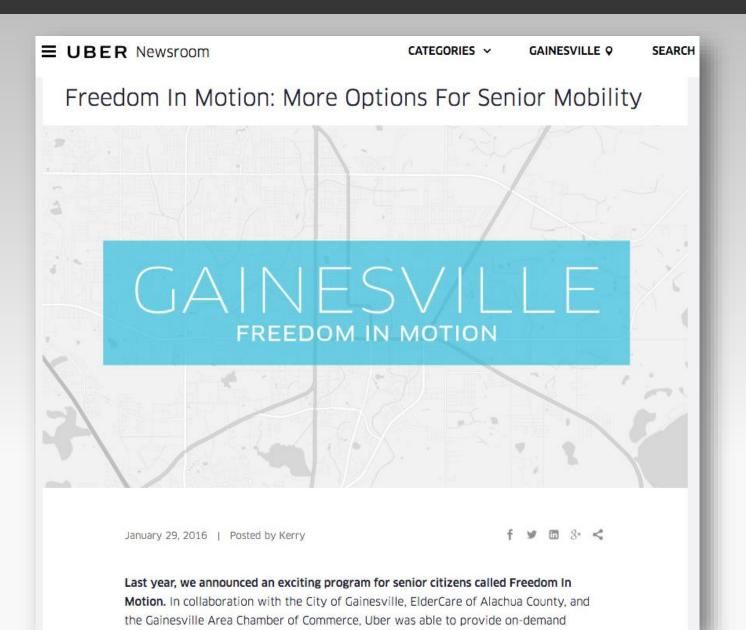
City hopes to use Uber to give rides to seniors

Thursday

Posted Jun 4, 2015 at 10:29 PM Updated Jun 5, 2015 at 12:13 PM The Gainesville City Commission Thursday decided to move forward with a six-month pilot program that will pair popular ride-sharing company Uber with an unlikely customer base: senior citizens.



Gainesville, Fla.





Gainesville, Fla.





Mayor Ed Braddy opens Uber door for the first Freedom In Motion passenger, Shirley.



Stationless Bikesharing: Sobi



Capital Community Bikeshare - Lansing

- Pilot in 2013, First phase launched 2014
- \$31,000 up front capital to launch pilot
- Partnered with "A2B
 Bicycles" startup in MI –
 grad student
- "Smart Bikes" with touch screens - \$2K per bike vs \$4K





TAKEAWAYS



Transportation Takeaways

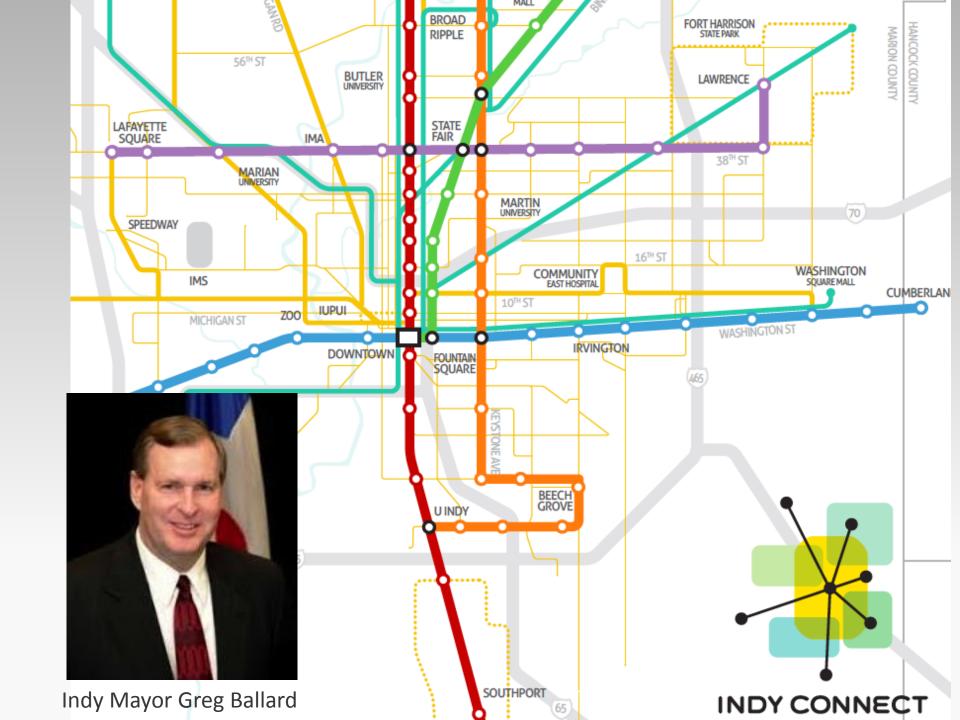
- Growing new consumer demand for more transit options
- Mass transit not just for big cities anymore
- Innovation happening all across US in places big & small
- Technology alone won't solve it all
- We need to be clear about the best roles for each option
- Key ingredients for success:
 - Smart planning and supportive land use
 - Partnerships w/ private sector/startups
 - More real time data
 - Local political leadership
 - Flexible local funding sources



Transportation Takeaways

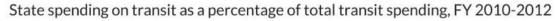
- Local Government plan supportive land uses consider bus priority features – fund pilot programs to test mobility services and allow them to fail fast
- Highway Districts consider transit as an investment in avoided roadway cost – consider signal preemption other transit features – replace LOS with access measures
- <u>Transit agencies</u> test new pilots, partner with mobility providers, seek new grants from health agencies & foundations
- MPOs/regional agencies develop multimodal access measures to evaluate projects based on cost-benefit – ID flex funds to support mobility pilots – use new modeling tools
- State DOTs see highway districts!

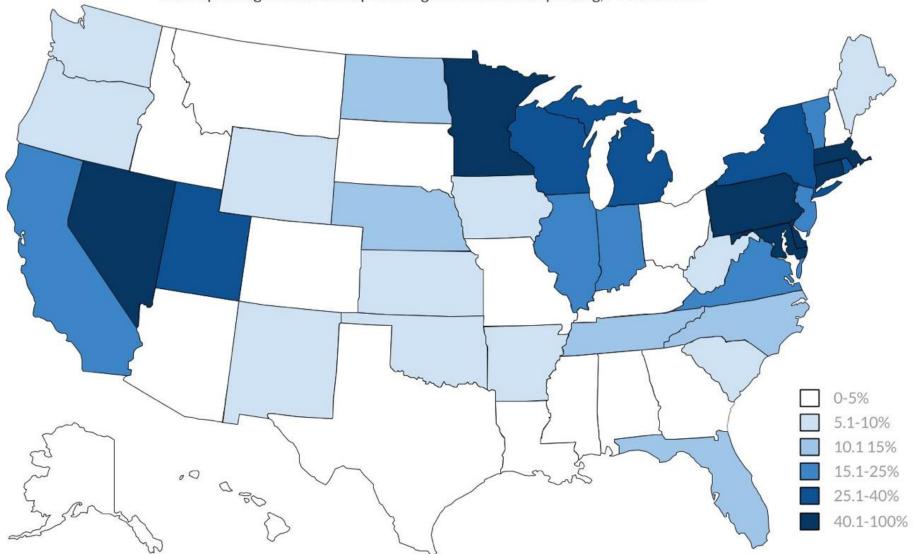






How Much Do States Spend of Their Own Dollars on Transit?



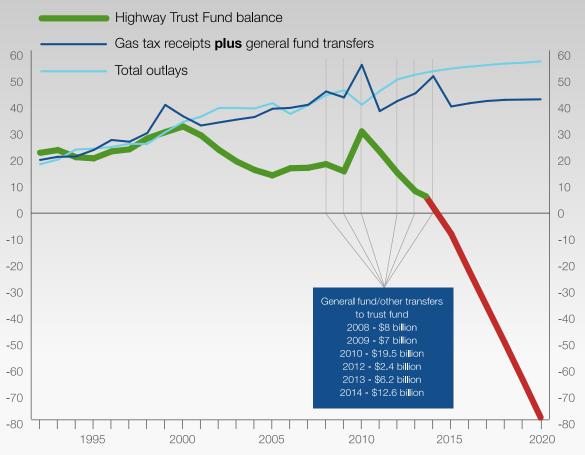


Source: National Transit Database

Fast Forward to 2016

Outlays exceeding gas tax receipts since the turn of the century Only general fund transfers have kept the trust fund solvent

In billions





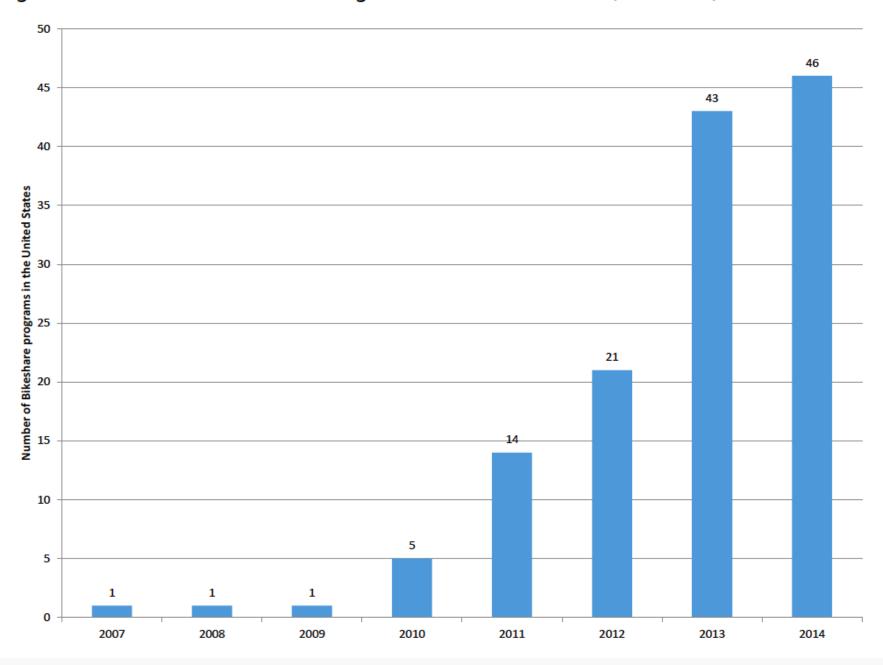


New Study: property values within one block of Indy cultural trail have increased 148%





Figure 2. The Growth in Bikeshare Programs in the United States (2007-2014)²⁶

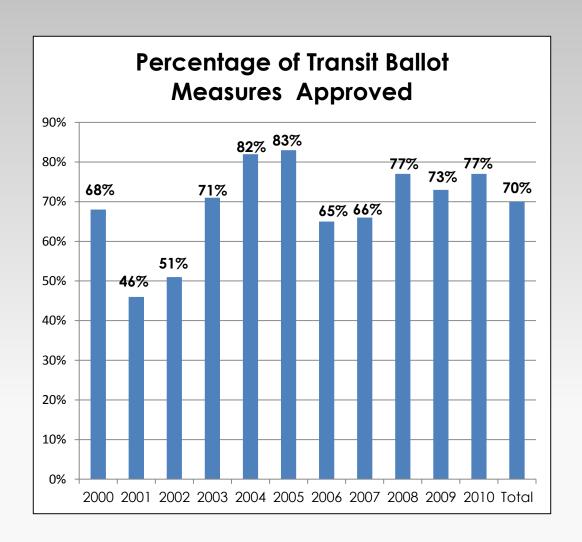


Transportation Takeaways

- You are in a race for talent against other peer regions
- You must learn from others Denver, Salt Lake
- Those who raise more local dollars will do better
- A comprehensive approach is critical
 - Not just about bus vs. rail
 - Bigger 'signature' projects are important so too are small ones
- Your tent must be big and diverse
- It's not about rubber tires vs. steel wheels
 - Name of the game is prosperity, competitiveness, quality of life



Transportation Measures Win at the Polls



70% Approval Rate for Transportation Measures

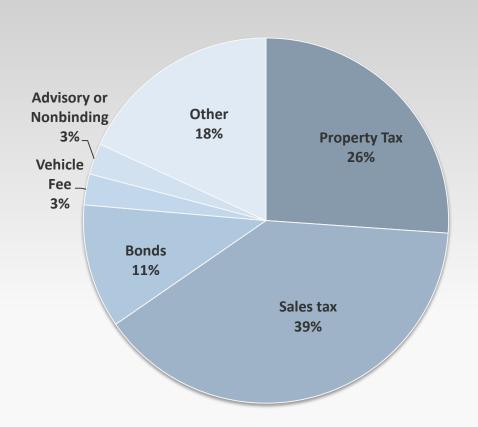
Twice the Approval Rate of All Ballot Measures

Success Across Region, Population, Party Affiliation



Public Transportation Ballot Measures

Types of Ballot Measures 2000-2010



309 finance measures on ballots between 2000-2010

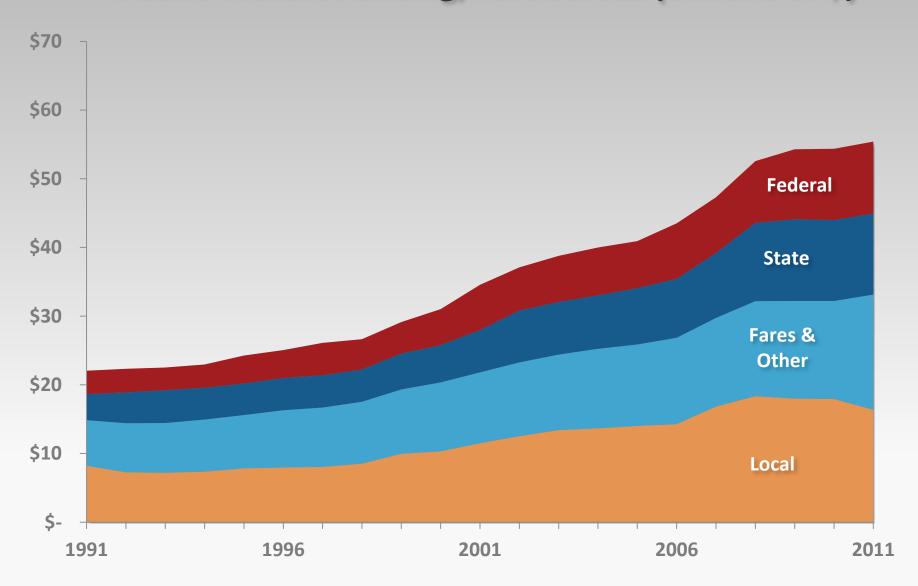
84% of all transportation measures are finance-related

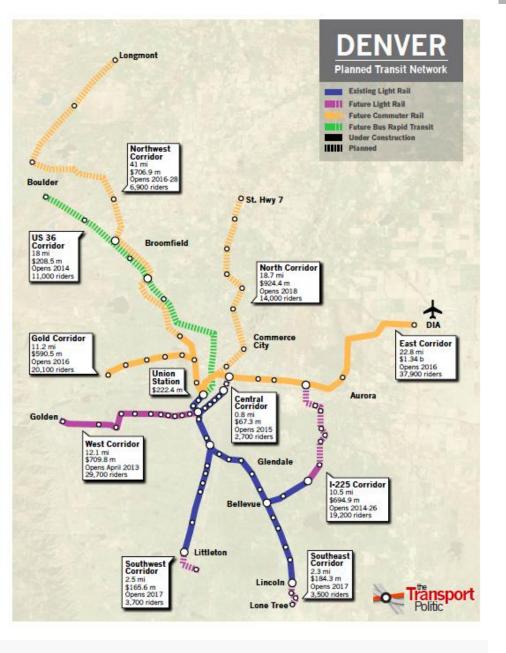
Sales tax increases or renewals are most common type

Bonds are most successful with 84% approval—but are far more common on statewide ballots than local and regional

Property tax measures are more successful than sales tax measures, with 81% approved vs. 59%

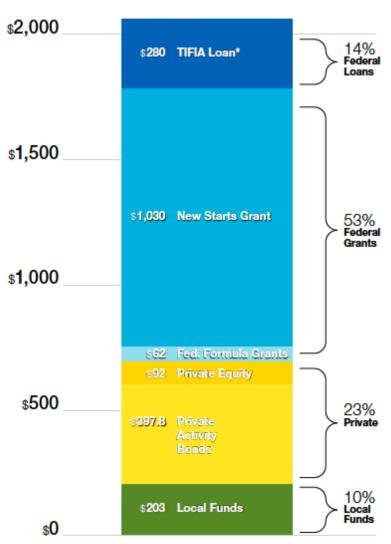
Public Transit Funding, All Sources (Billions of \$)





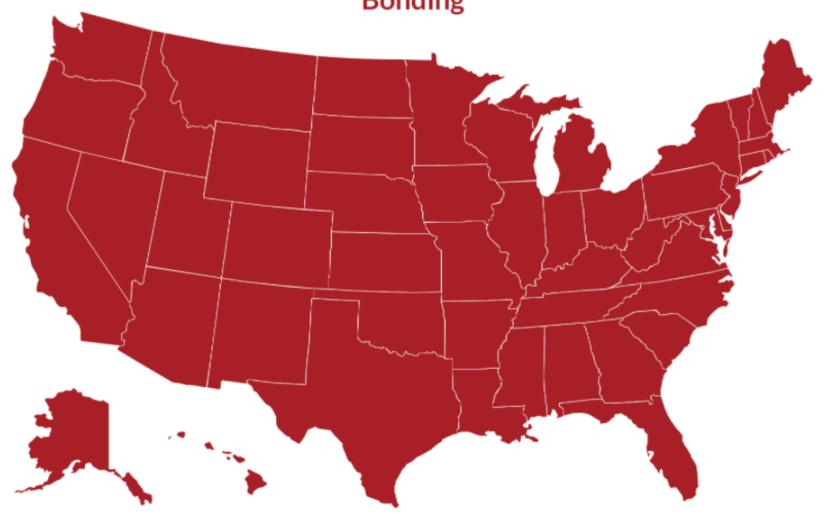
Denver Eagle P3 Funding**

in Millions of Dollars

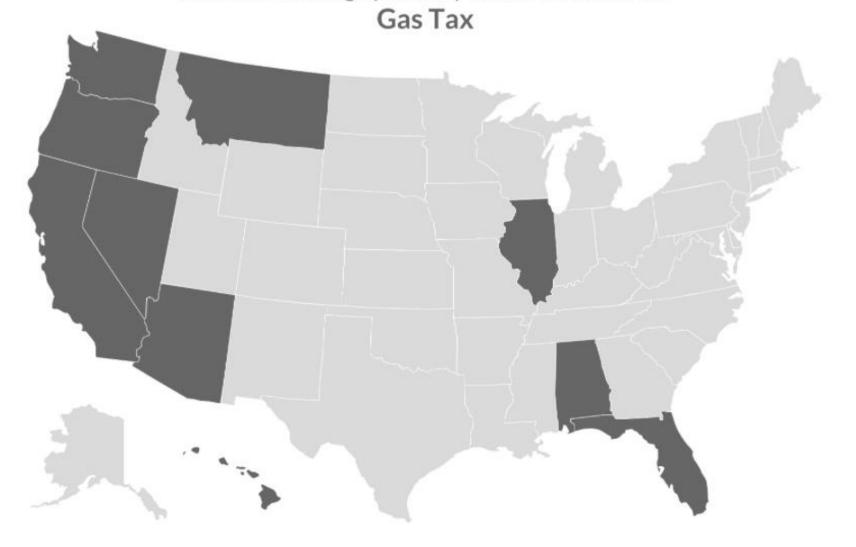


[&]quot;All federal loans and private bonds will have to be repaid with local funding.
""Denver Regional Transportation District "2011 Annual Report to DRCOG
on FasTracks," available through the following link: http://www.rtdfastracks.com/main_54

Available funding options by local ballot measure **Bonding**

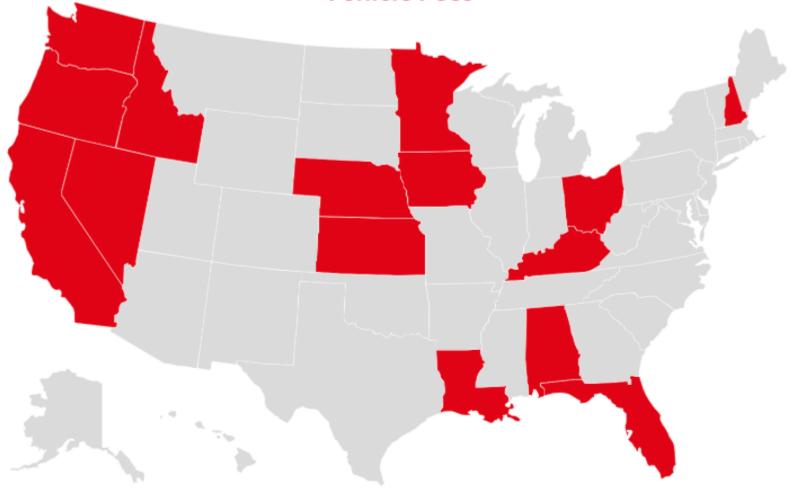


Available funding options by local ballot measure



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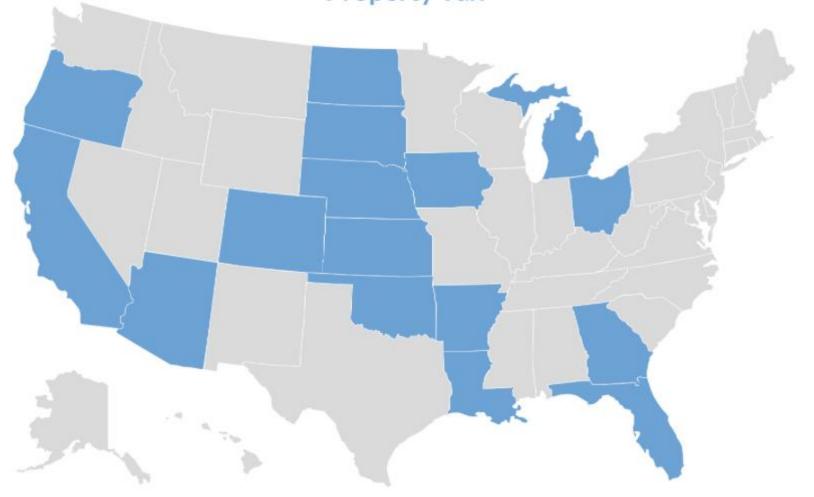
Vehicle Fees



Available funding options by local ballot measure Sales Tax



Available funding options by local ballot measure Property Tax











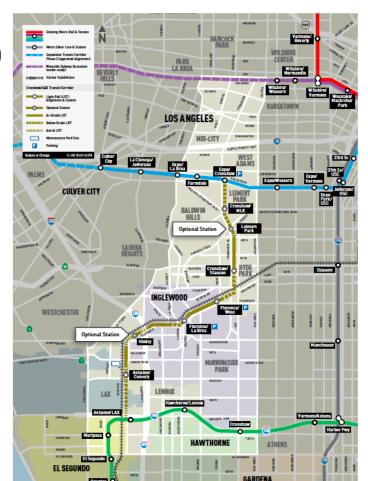


*Dedicated revenue refers to measures committing existing funds

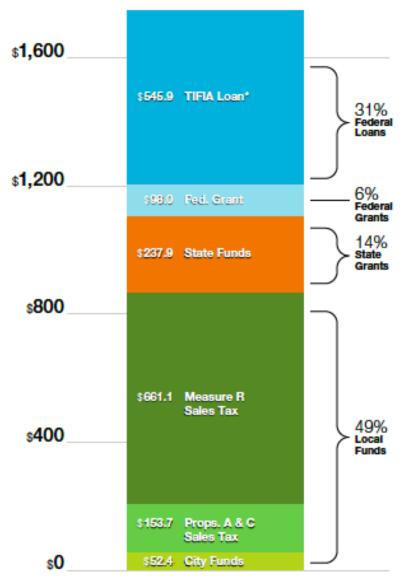
Key funding options available by local ballot measure			Ballot measures considered 2000-13		Local funding legislation considered 2013-14			Ballot measures anticipated 2014-16	
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Funding for Crenshaw Light Rail Line in Millions of Dollars**

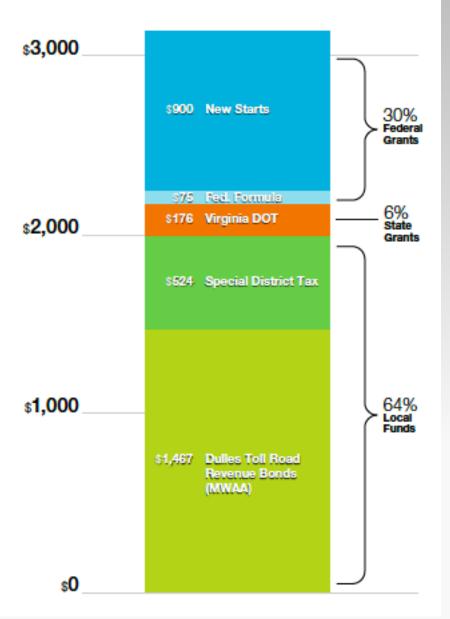


[&]quot;All federal loans and private bonds will have to be repaid with local funding.
"LA Metro Finance, Budget, and Audit Committee (October 2011)

[&]quot;Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor Project"

Funding for Dulles Metrorail Extension Phase I

in Millions of Dollars



By 2025, the Dulles Metrorail Extention is anticipated to annually reduce...



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BALLOT MEASURES WERE CONSIDERED NATIONWIDE FROM 2000–2010 TO RAISE NEW REVENUES FOR TRANSPORTATION. WHAT TYPES OF REVENUES DID THEY SEEK?





TRANSPORTATION BALLOT MEASURES PASS AT THE RATE OF ALL OTHER BALLOT MEASURES.



THIS SUCCESS HOLDS ACROSS
DIFFERENT REGIONS, POPULATIONS
AND PARTY AFFILIATIONS.

THE AVERAGE APPROVAL RATE FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION BALLOT MEASURES OVER THE LAST 10 YEARS

2006 65% APPROVED

2007 66% APPROVED

2008 77% APPROVED

2009 73% APPROVED

2010 77% APPROVED







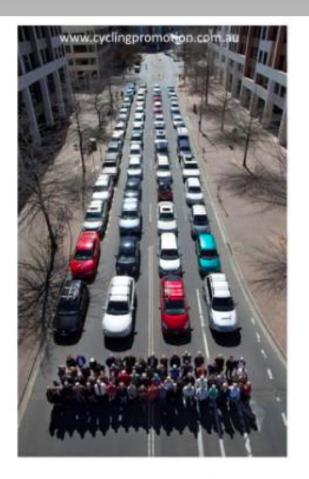


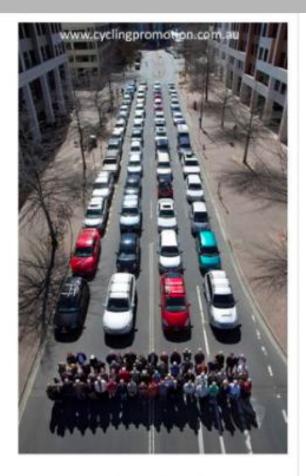
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