



# Ensure All Ohioans Have Access to Public Transportation

Transportation is vital for people to get to work, grocery stores, medical appointments, child care, school, and participate in the economy. With transportation at the heart of many barriers Ohioans face in their daily lives, Ohio needs a 21<sup>st</sup> century transportation system made up not only of roads and highways, but also a network of transportation options, including public transit, passenger and freight rail, streetcars, hybrid buses, electric vehicles, and walk-able, bike-able streets.

## Public Transit & Transit Alternatives



Ohio's under-investments in public transit over the past several decades limits low income worker's ability to reach a diversity of jobs with sustainable wages and their ability to support themselves and their families. It also leaves too many people with disabilities and those who are aging essentially homebound, making it difficult for them to access the grocery store, doctor's office, and to meet their other needs with dignity. According to the Ohio Department of Transportation *Transit Needs Study*, the gap between the public transit needs of Ohioans and the local, state and federal resources transit agencies have to deliver this crucial public service was \$650 million in 2015, and will rise to \$1 billion by 2025. To learn more, visit [www.policymattersohio.org](http://www.policymattersohio.org).

**Increase investments in public transit and transit alternatives to meet the growing need and create more livable communities for all Ohioans.**

- Boost public transit funding by increasing use of flexible federal highway funds to \$50 million per year.
- Help local public transit draw down federal funds by increasing General Revenue Funds for public transit to \$25 million per year.
- Create a sustainable replacement for lost revenues.



## Ohio is stronger when transportation is affordable and accessible.