

Transit is vital to the region.

\$3.2 B

Annual property tax revenue generated by land and buildings near Metro stations

\$9.4 B

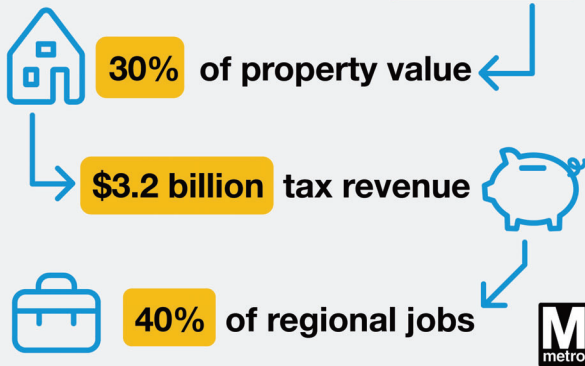
Annual value of business output the region would lose without transit

\$29 B

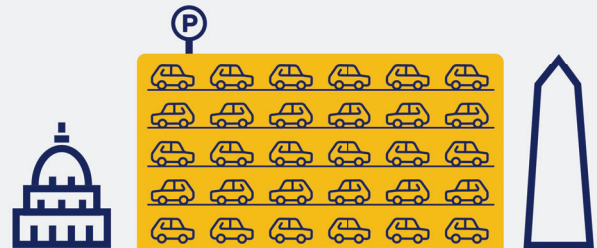
What the region would have to spend building new roads and parking if it didn't have transit

Metro repays the region's investment many times over.

Metro station areas = **3% of land**



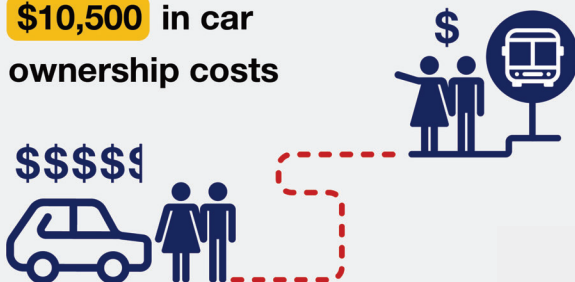
Without transit we would need to spend an extra **\$2 billion** on parking, equivalent to covering the National Mall in a 5-story parking garage!



Every year, households that ride transit instead of cars save:

\$2,800 in rideshare/taxi, parking, and toll costs

\$10,500 in car ownership costs



Transit is **20 times safer** than driving a car, saving the region \$950 million a year in collision costs and avoiding nearly 30 deaths and over 2,500 injuries.



Transit connects the region, drives the economy, reduces traffic, protects the environment, and advances equity. Investing in transit benefits everyone, whether they ride or not.

Investing in transit reduces congestion and avoids tens of billions in additional road and parking costs.

By 2025, transit will keep about 1.2 million cars off the road every day. Lined up in a row, those cars would stretch from Washington, DC to Alaska.

Without transit, the region would have to spend \$27 billion building 1,300 new miles of roadway—enough to cover 3 Arlington National Cemeteries. The region would also need \$2 billion of new parking, enough additional cars to cover the National Mall in a 5-story parking garage.

Driving on I-66, I-95, or New York Avenue would take twice as long, adding 20-30 minutes to every trip. Even for people who only commute 3 days a week, that's an extra 2-3 hours stuck in traffic each week.

Investing in transit saves households money and improves quality of life, for everyone.

Transit riders save about \$2,800 a year by not having to pay for rideshares, taxis, parking, and tolls. It costs around \$12,000 a year to own a car and an average of \$1,500 a year to ride Metro, so households that ride rather than drive save \$10,500 per year.

Transit creates economic efficiencies that support 64,000 non-transit jobs. Without transit, traffic congestion would slow down the economy, and those jobs might not exist.

Investing in transit grows the economy and makes the region more competitive.

Metro station areas hold only 3% of the region's land, but they make up about 30% of property value (\$330 billion), 30% of annual property tax revenue (\$3.2 billion), and 40% of jobs (960,000).

Metro station areas also host 65% of new office development, 50% of new multifamily rental housing, and 25% of affordable housing.

Metro stations have twice as many businesses, three times more jobs, and three times more property value than areas without Metro.

Over half of the region's 240,000 businesses—and more than 70% of its 2.5 million jobs—are within a half-mile of a Metro rail station or bus stop.

Transit saves the region \$30 million a year in freight and shipping costs. Transit reduces congestion, which makes freight and deliveries cheaper and more reliable.

Investing in transit improves health and helps the region meet its environmental goals.

Transit avoids an additional 1.2 million metric tons of greenhouse gases each year. That's the same as if all the households in Arlington, VA didn't use energy for an entire year.

Transit saves the region almost \$950 million per year in costs from traffic crashes. Transit is 20 times safer than driving a car, which helps avoid nearly 30 people killed and over 2,500 people injured in car crashes per year.

Transit improves health. People who ride transit walk as much as 30 minutes more a day, increasing heart health, building muscle, and reducing risk of heart disease, Type 2 diabetes, and some cancers.



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