

## **Transportation and Economic Mobility: Continuing the Conversation**

Check out the resources below to learn more about data-driven overviews, current research, and potential strategies for transportation to best enable economic mobility.

### **Housing and Transportation Affordability Index (Center for Neighborhood Technology)**

The interactive H+T® index covers 94 percent of the U.S. population living in 917 metropolitan and micropolitan areas and its housing and transportation data as in visual maps, charts and statistical fact sheet. It shows how transportation costs vary between neighborhoods in the same regions depending on proximity to jobs and amenities.

[htaindex.cnt.org/](http://htaindex.cnt.org/)

### **Rural Transit Factbook (North Dakota State University Small Urban & Rural Transit Center)**

Nearly 20 percent of Americans live in small cities where demographically, rural populations tend to be older in age and less able to travel on their own without driving. Researchers have generated these annual factbooks since 2011 using data collected by federal agencies to assess transit operations, finances, availability and fleet design serving rural communities.

[www.surtrc.org/transitfactbook/](http://www.surtrc.org/transitfactbook/)

### **Access to America (University of Minnesota Accessibility Observatory)**

Defining accessibility as the number of destinations reachable within a given travel time, this index describes job access via transit and automobiles in the 50 largest cities and metropolitan areas. From 2015 to 2016, job accessibility via transit most increased in medium-sized cities like Cincinnati, Charlotte, and Orlando, while congestion remains the greatest hindrance for car-based commuters.

[access.umn.edu/research/america/transit/2016/index.html](http://access.umn.edu/research/america/transit/2016/index.html)

[access.umn.edu/research/america/auto/2015/](http://access.umn.edu/research/america/auto/2015/)

### **Student Transportation and Educational Access (Urban Institute)**

This report examines how five cities transport K-12 students to school. In addition to the yellow school bus, the choice-rich cities of Denver, Detroit, New Orleans, New York City, and Washington, D.C. may subsidize low-income student public transit fares.

[www.urban.org/research/publication/student-transportation-and-educational-access/view/full\\_report](http://www.urban.org/research/publication/student-transportation-and-educational-access/view/full_report)

### **Transportation and Self-Sufficiency (Self-Sufficiency Research Clearinghouse)**

This collection of academic and think tank research provides a comprehensive view of spatial mismatch, reverse commutes, public versus private transportation providers, economic costs and benefits of car ownership and labor market consequences as a result of limited transit choices as these issues affect low-income individuals and families.

[www.opressrc.org/content/ssrc-notes-inextricable-link-between-transportation-and-self-sufficiency](http://www.opressrc.org/content/ssrc-notes-inextricable-link-between-transportation-and-self-sufficiency)

### **The Real Reason American Public Transportation Is Such A Disaster (Vox)**

In a full series titled “The Future of Commuting”, this article explains the decline of city transit as well as political barriers like the stigma of transit as welfare for non-car-owning working poor and municipalities. Other pieces explain the history of highway building, modern health issues with long commutes, and international peers’ success with transit.

[vox.com/2015/8/10/9118199/public-transportation-subway-buses](http://vox.com/2015/8/10/9118199/public-transportation-subway-buses)

### **Fight For Your Ride (Transportation for America)**

Drawing from nationwide movements of all sizes, this guidebook advises advocates how to build coalitions to improve their transit service. In its job access section, the report describes how Groveport, Ohio and Atlanta agencies are improving suburban commutes after stakeholder action.

[t4america.org/maps-tools/transit-advocates-guide/](http://t4america.org/maps-tools/transit-advocates-guide/)

### **For more information on our panelists work**

*Featured Organizations in License to Drive*

Equal Justice Under Law | [equaljusticeunderlaw.org](http://equaljusticeunderlaw.org)

*Featured Organizations in Getting to Work & School*

Washtenaw Office of Community & Economic Development |

[ewashtenaw.org/government/departments/community-and-economic-development](http://ewashtenaw.org/government/departments/community-and-economic-development)

Urban Institute | [urban.org](http://urban.org)

Washtenaw Area Transportation Study | [miwats.org](http://miwats.org)

*The Future of Transportation*

Urban Collaboratory | [research.umich.edu/urban-collaboratory-0](http://research.umich.edu/urban-collaboratory-0)

*Transportation Security*

New Detroit | [newdetroit.org](http://newdetroit.org)

*Accessibility Across County Lines*

Flint Mass Transportation Authority | [mtaflint.org](http://mtaflint.org)

Benzie Transportation Authority | [benziebus.com](http://benziebus.com)

Regional Transit Authority | [rtamichigan.org](http://rtamichigan.org)

### **For more information on the advocates’ work:**

Transportation Riders United | [detroittransit.org](http://detroittransit.org)

Motor City Freedom Riders | [motorcityfreedomriders.org](http://motorcityfreedomriders.org)

B1G Voting Challenge | [ginsberg.umich.edu/B1G-voting-challenge](http://ginsberg.umich.edu/B1G-voting-challenge)

Detroit People’s Platform | [detroitpeoplesplatform.org/](http://detroitpeoplesplatform.org/)