Detroit is a majority Black city surrounded by majority White suburbs.

Black residents are more likely to rely on public transportation.... and are less likely to be employed in Detroit.

Source: New Detroit Race Equity Report
Over time, districts have spent more money to transport fewer students.

Source: Urban Institute, *Student Transportation and Educational Access*
Detroit’s Auto Insurance rates are among the highest in the nation.

Relative to a comparable city, Cleveland, Detroit’s auto insurance is more than 3x as expensive.

Source: calculations by Poverty Solutions (data from Value Penguin & American Community Survey)
While it’s fairly easy to get to a supermarket by car...

It’s much harder by public transportation – the mode relied on by most low-income people.

Source: Dr. Joe Grengs research, Chair of Urban and Regional Planning. Associate Professor of Urban and Regional Planning.
While it’s hard to imagine the sprawling region with public transport, this plan lays out a vision of what regional transportation in Southeast Michigan might look like.
“In the United States, car ownership is still the best predictor of getting a job. It’s still the best way to get to healthcare. So if you don’t solve mobility, you don’t solve accessibility.”

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