RIDING TRANSIT... THE BENEFITS!!!

Less Traffic Congestion

- One fully occupied 40-foot transit bus is equivalent to a line of 58 moving automobiles.

Energy Conservation

- A transit bus with as few as seven passengers is more fuel-efficient than the average single-occupant auto used for commuting.
- The fuel efficiency of a fully occupied transit bus is six times greater than that of the average single-occupant auto.

Less Air Pollution

- The more people who take transit, the fewer single-occupant autos there will be, reducing pollution from automobiles directly and pollution associated with automobile production/operation.

Reduced Commuting Costs

- A typical transit commuter might pay about $750 per year ($1.50 each way, twice a day, 50 weeks per year) while a single occupant automobile commuter will spend $4,826 for a small car or as much as... $9,297 for a typical Sport Utility Vehicle! (Based on a 1999 Report from the American Automobile Association (AAA), dependent on miles driven... annual mileage between 10,000 to 20,000 miles per year.)

CATEGORY	SMALL CAR	MIDSIZE CAR	LARGE CAR	SPORT UTILITY VEHICLE	VAN
OPERATING COSTS (cents per mile)					
Gasoline & Oil	4.8	5.7	6.3	6.5	5.8
Maintenance	3.1	3.4	3.5	3.7	3.5
Tires	1.3	1.6	2.2	1.4	1.3
SUBTOTAL	9.2	10.7	12.0	11.6	10.6
OWNERSHIP COSTS (cost per year)					
Insurance	1,012	885	1,012	1,316	972
License, registration, taxes	175	223	279	410	392
Depreciation	2,871	3,355	4,084	3,648	3,468
Finance charge	603	812	1,070	958	890
SUBTOTAL	4,661	5,275	6,445	6,332	5,722
DEPRECIATION FOR EXCESS MILEAGE (per 1000 miles over 15,000 miles annually)	151	161	168	129	157
TOTAL ANNUAL COST					
10,000 miles per year	4,826	5,526	7,036	6,416	5,783
15,000 miles per year	6,041	6,880	8,245	8,072	7,313
20,000 miles per year	7,256	8,219	9,685	9,297	8,628

Source: American Automobile Association and Runzheimer International, Your Driving Costs, 1999 Edition.