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#1

Support the restoration of Transit Operating Assistance to the baseline FY 2002 transit funding levels of \$8,367,997 and expand from there. Currently, State Transit Funding Assistance does not cover the impact of rising maintenance/operating costs of keeping the current systems in Missouri in good repair. For SFY19, the total core budget was \$1,710,875 in State Transportation funds. Funding from General Revenue was zeroed out in 2017. This funding is distributed based on a formula among 34 transit providers in MO.

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#2

Support innovative financing options for transit in MO. For example, advocacy for use of the VW Settlement funds for transit investment in Missouri was successful in 2018. Missouri was awarded \$41 million as a part of the settlement to be used for a mitigation plan. There will be \$1.75 million transit funds available in FY2019 – 50% of these funds are allocated to St. Louis, 20% for Kansas City, and 30% for the rest of the state.

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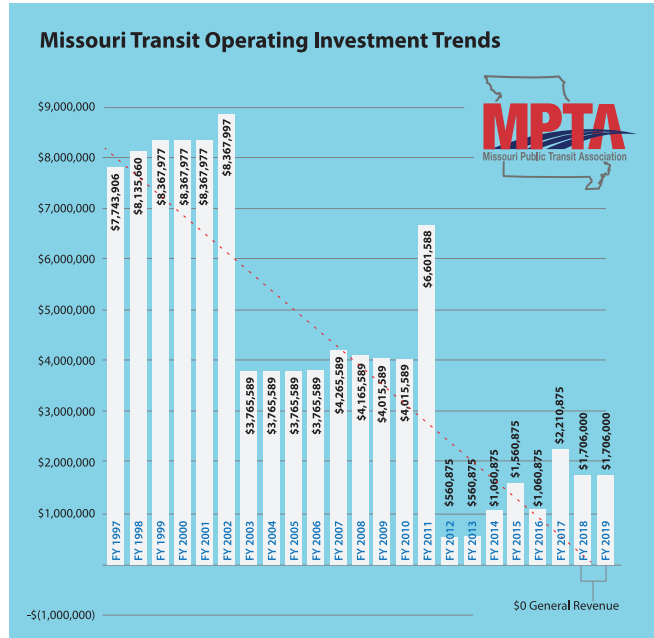
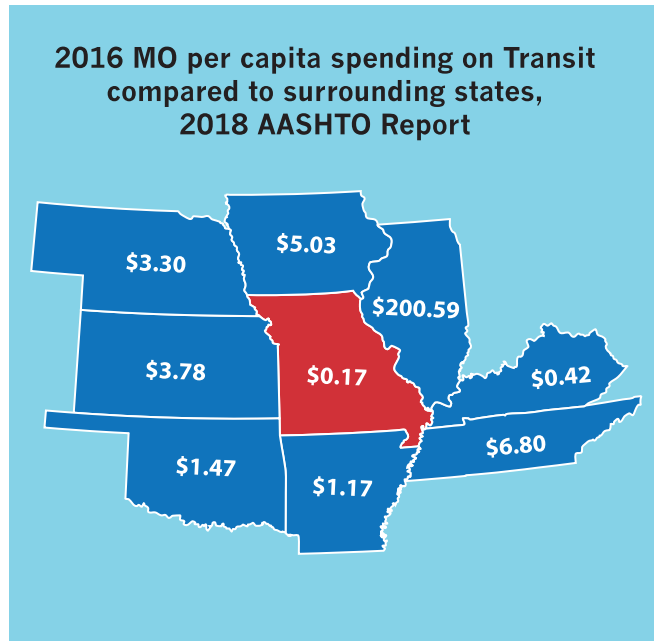
#3

Support use of the statewide internet sales tax for transit. The internet sales tax for out of state entities is generating approximately \$200M annually. A fifteen percent earmark for multi-modal transportation would generate approximately \$30M annually.

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#4

Support a statewide funding plan for total transportation which includes funding for capital and operating expenses. Rural providers need an option for capital. Adoption of such a plan would reflect the importance of public transit to expanding opportunities for all Missourians. This would include improving access to jobs, education and healthcare; opportunities for economic development; and investment in disadvantaged areas of the state.



EDUCATION AT THE STATE LEVEL

- Partner with other organizations like regional chambers, labor, healthcare, AARP and transit organizations to spread the message to broader audience about transit.
- Impact of transit on the state's economy.
- Localize economic impact by linking legislators with MPTA member stories in their areas.
- Provide a transit story for both rural and urban legislators on impacts to state's economy.

