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Public transit goes
beyond simply providing
transportation
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Last year was a historic year for public transit in Missouri. Record amounts of transit funding were made available at both the state and national levels. A second study to quantify the economic impact of public transit was completed, while work continued to address needs identified in the Transit Needs Assessment Report. Educational efforts were furthered, and plans were put in place for new, statewide programming.

Public transit delivers billions to the state's bottom line each year and ensures daily transportation accessibility to nearly everyone in every county. This has fueled the mission of the Missouri Public Transit Association (MPTA) for more than four decades. We serve as a unified voice for public and specialized transit providers, stakeholders, vendors and partners from across the state who are collectively working to raise awareness about the role of public transit and why it needs to be an investment priority.

Public transit is delivering in Missouri. Get on board in 2025.



2025 MPTA GOALS

Elevate the value of transit in Missouri.
Build new coalitions to expand advocacy.
Promote and support MPTA members.



Missouri Public Transit is delivering \$4.05 billion to Missouri's bottom line while ensuring access in **EVERY COUNTY, FOR EVERY ONE, EVERY DAY.**



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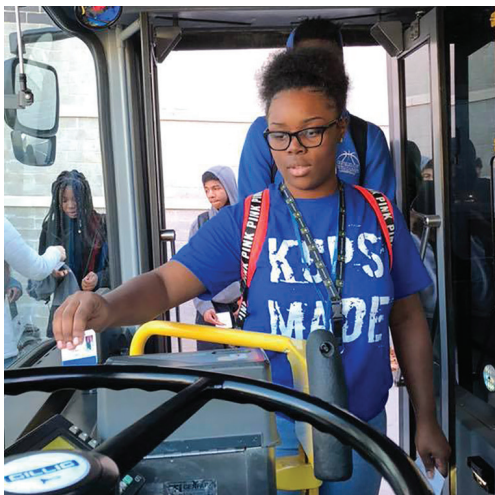
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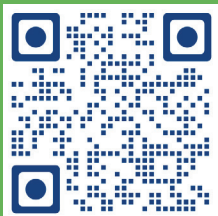
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