

state of the system Public Transportation



Transit Network in North Carolina

Public transportation provides economic and health benefits to communities, as well as access to work, education, training, medical needs, transportation, and shopping. The transit network continues to shape communities because residents gravitate to mobility options that improve their quality of life and provide connections to opportunities.

98 transportation systems

In 2017, North Carolina's transit system provided more than 70 million trips to residents in all 100 counties in major urban centers, small towns and rural areas, from Manteo to Murphy.*



Benefits of Public Transportation for North Carolina



Every \$1 that North Carolina invests in transit generates approximately \$6 of total investment in the state from federal, state, and local sources.*



The capital and operational expenditures of North Carolina's transit systems provided \$1.28 billion in statewide business output, categorized as expenditure-related economic contribution.**



More than \$125 million in state and federal funds supported transit operations in all 100 counties. This funding supported more than 11,000 transit-related jobs, resulting in \$556 million in wages.*



There is an **annual benefit of \$822 million** to having a transit option in North Carolina communities.^{***}

*Source: https://www.ncdot.gov/divisions/public-transit/Pages/transit-benefits.aspx7/10/18 **Source: Transportation Economic Development Impact System

***Source: Small Urban and Rural Transit Center / Center for Urban Transportation Research

VISION:

Connecting North Carolinians to Opportunities

A daily necessity for many, public transportation not only helps reduce congestion, it can also improve quality of life and help make communities more attractive places to live and work.

For many citizens, transit services mean the difference between being stuck in one place and getting to education, jobs, medical appointments and other needs. Today and even more so in coming years, North Carolina's transit network provides vital connections to opportunities.

For those who cannot drive or just want a travel alternative, transit services mean more choices and flexibility, better access to work, school, training, medical appointments, and leisure activities.

With increased traffic and longer commute times, employers increasingly rely on quality transit for access to talented workers.

To help achieve the vision of a transit network that provides a vital connection to opportunities, the N.C. Department of Transportation's Public Transportation Division sets forth a mission of improving the quality of life for all North Carolinians by following three specific strategies*:



Building thriving, healthy communities -Partner for a successful future.

Improving access to jobs and economic development - Support local transit systems.

Connecting communities to opportunities -Build the Connected Statewide Network.

*Source: NCDOT PTD 2018 Strategic Plan

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MISSION:

Improve Quality of Life

Improve quality of life for North Carolinians by:

- Building healthy communities.
- Supporting job creation and economic development.
- Providing equal opportunities so all people can thrive.

Transit plays an integral role in strengthening communities, providing access to employment and to employees and enabling people to thrive in urban and rural places across the state.



