



APTA Study Shows Transit Saves Households \$6,200 Annually

WASHINGTON, DC – According to a report recently released, Americans can significantly save money when opting to use public transportation services.

With the rising costs of owning a personal vehicle, economic growth throughout the nation, and the increasing availability of public transportation options, transit ridership has increased nearly 25 percent since 1995.

APTA, a non-profit public transportation organization in Washington, commissioned the study (*Public Transportation and Petroleum Savings in the U.S.: Reducing Dependence on Oil*) that found public transportation to save 1.4 billion gallons of gasoline every year.

“This should be a wake-up call as Congress and the President discuss how America can move towards energy independence,” noted American Public Transportation Association President William W. Millar. “Public transportation provides Americans with greater freedom, access, opportunity and choice...Americans knew instinctively that [public transportation] saves money and gasoline. Now we know exactly how much.”

The study, compiled by ICF International, found households using public transportation reduce their household expenses an average of \$6,251 per year.

The report notes that the significant increase in public transit ridership is a clear indication Americans desire additional public transportation options. If Americans get what they want, the study suggests national fuel savings from public transportation could double to 2.8 billion gallons per year.

The full report is available online at www.apta.com.