

METRO *Now*

Transit Leader

Our commuter buses provide
8 million trips each year—**third**
most trips of any U.S. transit agency. ¹



One of only **four** urban
transit agencies in the country to
gain bus ridership in 2016 ²



Red Line is one
of the **highest**
performing
light rail lines in the
country.



Purple and
Green Lines
have **doubled** in
ridership since
opening. ³

Number of **vanpool** trips is
higher than all but two U.S.
transit agencies. ⁴



METRO system provides
116 million trips
per year.



Awarded transit agency
of the year by American
Public Transportation
Association in 2015⁵

Sources

¹ APTA Factbook, 2016. <http://www.apta.com/resources/statistics/Documents/FactBook/2016-APTA-Fact-Book.pdf>

² APTA Factbook, 2016. <http://www.apta.com/resources/statistics/Documents/FactBook/2016-APTA-Fact-Book.pdf>

³ METRO Ridership Report www.ridemetro.org

⁴ APTA Factbook, 2016. <http://www.apta.com/resources/statistics/Documents/FactBook/2016-APTA-Fact-Book.pdf>

⁵ METRO Ridership Report www.ridemetro.org / APTA Factbook, 2016. <http://www.apta.com/resources/statistics/Documents/FactBook/2016-APTA-Fact-Book.pdf>

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Driving Alternatives

Downtown Houston is the largest employment center in the region with more than **150,000** jobs.

Nearly **one-third** of these employees rely on METRO to get to work every day. ⁶

METRO's commuter buses eliminate **20,000** automobile trips each day, easing traffic on congested highways. ⁷

METRO's **100** miles of HOV/HOT lanes carry **25 million** people each year. ⁸



METRO provides an alternative to driving so you can rest, read, or catch up on social media.

Sources

⁶ Downtown Commute Survey, 2013. https://www.downtownhouston.org/site_media/uploads/attachments/2014-04-08/2013_Commute_Survey_Report.pdf

⁷ 2040 Regional Transportation Plan, 2016. <http://www.h-gac.com/taq/plan/2040/docs/2040-RTP-revised-April-2016.pdf>

⁸ Houston Mayor's State of Mobility speech, 2016. <http://www.houstontx.gov/mayor/stateofmobility2016.html>

METRO *Now*

Regional Economic Engine




Every \$1 invested in public transportation generates approximately \$4 in economic return.



Fewer cars, more room for development and green space



\$8 billion in new development along Red Line since its opening ⁹



METRO employs **4,000** people and indirectly supports thousands of additional jobs. ¹⁰

Sources

⁹ Harnack, Leah. "Major Changes Ahead for Metro" Mass Transit 08/18/2014 <http://www.masstransitmag.com/article/11580892/houston-metro-a-clean-slate>

¹⁰ METRO FY 2017 Business Plan and Budget

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Safe & Environmentally Friendly

Communities with high transit ridership have fewer traffic casualties.¹¹

20 years of accident-free driving
by 200 bus operators

METRO helps improve the environment by taking vehicles off the road.

METRO helps reduce greenhouse gases by **700 million** pounds each year.¹²

Sources

¹¹ APTA, The Hidden Traffic Safety Solution: Public Transit, 2016. <http://www.apta.com/resources/reportsandpublications/Documents/APTA-Hidden-Traffic-Safety-Solution-Public-Transportation.pdf>

¹² TCRP Transit Benefits calculator: onlinepubs.trb.org/onlinepubs/tcrp/tcrp_rpt_176.xlsx

METRO *Now*

Convenient & Affordable



METRO is one of the most affordable of all major U.S. transit agencies.



About **60%** of residents and **83%** of workplaces are within a **10 minute walk** of METRO services.¹³

Our Frequent Network picks you up every **15** minutes or less.

METRO's Day Pass allows you to travel all year for \$1,000 versus the \$10,000 it takes to own and operate a car.

Sources

¹³ METRO Ridership Report www.ridemetro.org / APTA Factbook, 2016. <http://www.apta.com/resources/statistics/Documents/FactBook/2016-APTA-Fact-Book.pdf>

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Facing the Future



Increasing transportation demands

Changing development patterns

Population growth and new employment centers

Keeping up with technology

These factors present us
with new challenges