


Public Transportation, Jobs, and a Clean Energy Economy

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Greater Cleveland Partnership

- Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development organization for Northeast Ohio
 - More than 16,000 members
 - Small, mid-size and large businesses
 - Transportation issues are among our highest priorities at the state, federal and local levels
 - Affiliated with Great Lakes Metro Chambers Coalition




Build Up Greater Cleveland

- BUGC is a unique partnership of private and public sector organizations and agencies that advocate for transportation and infrastructure policies and projects at the federal level.
 - Managed by the Greater Cleveland Partnership
 - Partners include:







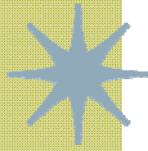




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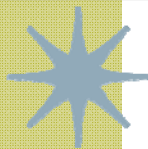
- Also work with the Northeast Ohio Area Coordinating Agency (our MPO) and the Ohio Department of Transportation.



BUGC by the numbers. . .

- 239 – Number of bridges in Cuyahoga County
- \$26.5 million – Spent on county bridge improvements in 2008
- 5,000 - miles of water lines
- \$3.2 billion – Amount our sewer district will invest on waste-water treatment during the next 30 years
- **\$4.35 billion – amount of private investment in economic development along the Euclid Corridor**



Transit Investments = Economic Development

- A Success Story
– Cleveland's Euclid Corridor

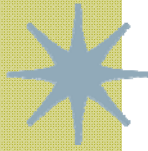


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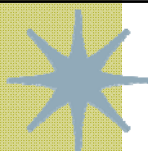
Euclid Corridor Goal

- Can a bus rapid transit system provide the benefits of light rail at a fraction of the cost?
 - \$200 million cost is already paying dividends.
 - Ridership is up 47 percent; 4.6 million riders this year.
 - Riders include hospital workers, doctors, business people, residents, and students.
 - Economic development along the Corridor is booming.



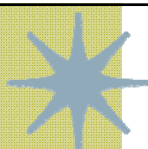
Investments boosted by Euclid Corridor:

- \$4.3 billion in investments, including:
 - Cleveland Clinic expansion - \$85 million
 - VA Hospital - \$350 million
 - University Hospitals - \$27 million
 - Private developers - \$1 billion +++
 - Museum of Art - \$53 million



But public transit is in crisis. . .

- Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority is facing a \$9 million budget deficit
- Ridership is down; service has been cut
- Funding (sales tax) is down
- ODOT's transit budget has fallen 75% since 2002
- Ohio ranks 40th in the nation for public transit spending



Federal Transportation Policies

- Should be targeted to metropolitan areas
 - Top 100 Metro areas =
 - 93 % of rail passengers
 - 99% of air passengers
 - 95% of public transit passenger miles
- Transit funding should be flexible
 - Allow regions/cities to determine use of funds, including operating funding

