Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority

Mission:

To Provide Safe, Reliable, Clean, and Courteous Public Transportation
Greater Cleveland RTA Overview

- **Service Area**
  - Population of 1.5 million

- **Customers Served**
  - 150,000 to 200,000 on a typical weekday
  - 500 buses/75 rail cars

- **Budget**
  - $300 million annual operating budget
  - $60 - $80 million annual capital budget
  - 2,500 Employees
Public Transit Connects the Dots

- Public Transit and Health has four prominent links:
  1. Safety
  2. Air Quality
  3. Physical Activity
  4. Equitable Access

- The HI-5 Initiative features evidence of the first three of these links between public transit and health.
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- Relationship between physical activity and the built environment is well documented.
- A walkable built environment supports transit, because commuting by transit inevitably involves some walking and encourages physical activity, leading to improved health outcomes for transit customers.

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- The typical North Americans only walk an average of about minutes 6 daily.
- The typical public transit users walk an average of 19 minutes daily, which nearly achieves the target of 22 daily minutes of moderate physical activity.

Lilah M. Besser and Andrew L. Dannenberg (2005), “Walking to Public Transit: Steps to Help Meet Physical Activity Recommendations,” American Journal of Preventive Medicine, Vo. 29, No. 4

Public Transit Connects the Dots

Trip Purposes on RTA:
- 60% Work
- 23% School
- 9% Healthcare
City of Cleveland is a member of the World Health Organization, the Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities the Network of Age-Friendly Communities.

- TRANSPORTATION is a WHO-identified domain of city life that might influence the health and quality of life of older adults

RTA is a member of the Age Friendly Cleveland task force and is: The AARP, Cleveland Department of Aging, Healthy Cleveland, etc to ensure that Cleveland becomes an Age-Friendly city by 2020.
Public Transit is Bike Friendly

- Participation and promotion of “Bike to Work” events.
- Bike Lanes on major corridors
- Increased bike racks from 2 to 3 per bus
- Allows bikes on HealthLine and Rail vehicles
- Cuyahoga Greenways Partner – RTA is an active leader in this involvement to identify and promote bike lanes and greenways in Cuyahoga County that can improve transit connectivity and health
RTA CNG Fleet – Environmentally Clean
Public Transit & Health Partnerships

- HealthLine, the nation's premier BRT system is sponsored by the Cleveland Clinic and University Hospitals.
- Integral to the sponsorships is the ability to place health tips in the 24 hybrid electric vehicles.
- RTA recently entered into a new partnership with MetroHealth – the County operated hospital and health centers.