



FREE CONGRESS ANNOUNCES THE PUBLICATION OF MOVING MINDS: CONSERVATIVES AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

The studies were written by the late Mr. Weyrich and Mr. Lind to help conservatives understand why transit must be an essential part of the conservative agenda. The authors coherently make the case that transit, especially urban rail, can be effective and cost-effective solutions for expanding mobility. Conservatives will find that well-planned rail-based transit is an effective way to generate economic development, reduce dependence on foreign oil and promote cohesive and vibrant traditional communities.

The book is particularly timely as the Congress takes up legislation that will renew federal highway and transit programs over the next six years and provide billions of dollars. It is hoped that this book will help create a non-partisan, non-ideological environment for passing a bill that breaks with the past and embraces a philosophy that addresses the nation's most pressing needs and adequately funds transit.

The studies contained in the book were published over a twelve-year period from 1997 to 2009 by the American Public Transportation Association and, amazingly, are just as relevant today as they were when first distributed. Also, included is a previously unpublished report on the activities of the National Surface Transportation Commission, authorized by Congress in 2005 to examine the infrastructure needs of the country. The report details language strongly supporting public transportation approved by the Commission but arbitrarily omitted in the Final Commission Report. The full list of studies is provided below:

- Conservatives and Mass Transit: Is It Time for a New Look?
- Does Transit Work? A Conservative Reappraisal
- Twelve Anti-Transit Myths: A Conservative Critique
- Bring Back the Streetcars! A Conservative Vision of Tomorrow's Urban Transportation
- How Transit Benefits People Who Do Not Ride It: A Conservative Inquiry
- Winning Transit Referenda: Some Conservative Advice
- A National Defense Public Transportation Act: A Conservative Proposal for Energy Independence
- Good Urban Transit: A Conservative Model
- The (Unexpurgated) Report of the National Surface Transportation Commission: A Conservative Analysis

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