

Transit Jobs: Building Green Careers and Helping the Environment

Green collar jobs are blue collar jobs that improve environmental quality and build strong communities. Green collar jobs are good jobs that are poised for dramatic growth well into the future!

Transit is Experiencing Dramatic Growth!

- Transit ridership has grown by 30 percent since 1995. Riders take more than 10.3 billion trips annually.
- Transit employment is expected to grow by 24 percent between 2006 and 2016, creating 64,347 new green collar jobs in transit.
- Transit is projected to be one of the fastest growing transportation sectors.



Transit Jobs are Good Jobs!

- Workers in transit perform meaningful work in their communities and workers earn a living wage.
- Workers earn three times more than the federal minimum wage. Green collar transit drivers earn an average of \$18.41 an hour and mechanics earn \$21.39 an hour.
- Workers have a myriad of career advancement opportunities. The Transportation Learning Center works to support and expand these opportunities.

Transit Jobs Improve the Environment!

- Conserve Energy: Public transportation saves consumers 11 million gallons of gas a day equalling 4.2 billion gallons a year.
- Shrink Carbon Footprints: Public Transportation saves 37 million metric tons of carbon dioxide annually. 138 metric tons of carbon dioxide are saved per green collar transit employee.
- Reduce Traffic Congestion: Public transportation saves travelers 541 million hours in travel time and 340 million gallons of fuel. Without public transportation, congestion costs would have been an additional \$10.2 billion.

Transit Jobs Grow the Economy!

- 1.3 million new jobs can be created in the next two years with \$47.8 billion invested in capital transit projects.
- 35,000 jobs can be supported with a \$1.25 billion investment in the nation's public transportation infrastructure.
- \$10 million in public transportation capital investments can return up to \$30 million in business sales alone.

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