

"URBAN TRANSIT SYSTEMS HAVE BECOME A GENUINE CIVIL RIGHTS ISSUE"

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ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF DR. KING'S DEATH, APRIL 4, 1968, TRANSIT WORKERS JOIN TOGETHER WITH THE OCCUPY MOVEMENT AND TRANSIT PASSENGERS ACROSS THE US TO HONOR DR. KING'S LEGACY. WE ASK: "WHERE IS MASS TRANSIT TODAY?"



In 2011 Americans took 10.4 billion trips on mass transit, the most in decades, but public transportation is still under attack...

- 85% of transit systems have cut service or raised fares since the recession having a devastating impact on those who rely on mass transit — the 99%.
- Thousands of transit workers have lost their jobs.
- Transit systems are deteriorating: older vehicles, deferred maintenance, longer wait times for overcrowded buses and trains.
- Wall Street is profiting off of the debt that transit systems face. The NYC Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) had to pay over \$1.1 billion in interest payments in 2011. Instead of cutting fares, MTA is cutting checks to Wall Street bankers — the 1%.
- Service is being outsourced to foreign national companies looking to make a killing while compromising the safety and service for passengers and workers.

Meanwhile...

- The Pentagon spends \$300 million per day on the Afghan War. That's our tax dollars that could be spent on public transportation and other critical investments for our communities.
- Politicians won't commit to fund mass transit adequately and blame the economic crisis. Instead they raise fares and cut routes, but service does not improve.
- The bankers and brokers — the 1% - control the money for public transportation and threaten the transit systems that took a century to build. The greed and corruption must stop.



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TAKE ACTION NOW

It's time for sustainable, reliable funding for public transportation to improve the lives of 99%, not pad the pockets of the 1%.

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