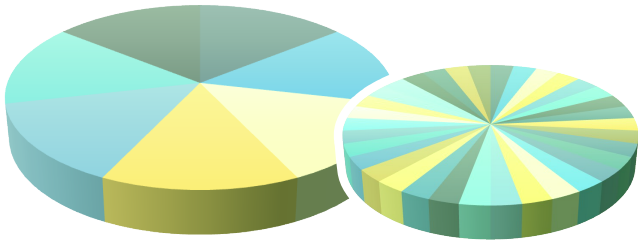


# NEARLY 40 YEARS OF DECLINING TRANSIT FUNDING

IT'S TIME TO ACT



Every year, our buying power shrinks.

**1987**  
\$6 MILLION FOR  
7 SYSTEMS  
(\$850K PER)

**2025**  
\$6 MILLION FOR  
34 SYSTEMS  
(\$176K PER)

## State Funding Has Stalled While Demand Has Soared

In 1987, there were seven transit systems serving 24 counties. Today there are 34 systems serving all 47 counties. We continue to cut more slices from the same pie.

Technically, the pie is smaller—what was worth \$6M in 1987 only provides \$2.2M in buying power today.

## The Solution: Increase Transit Funding to \$80 Million Annually

Why? Because South Carolina's economy depends on it.

- 2-3 million additional rides annually—70% of trips help people get to work.
- According to SCDEW, over 400,000 South Carolinians are under- or unemployed. Up to half of them cite the lack of transportation as a reason why.
- Unlocks \$200-250 million in federal matching funds over the next 10 years, critical for expanding service and maintaining fleets, especially in rural communities.

## South Carolina is Falling Behind

- South Carolina (\$1.08) ranks far behind neighboring states in per capita transit investment – Georgia (\$2.16), North Carolina (\$7.00), Tennessee (\$8.97), and Florida (\$14.61).
- To match our original commitment to transit, funding should be \$80.6M today, yet we remain at just \$6.0M.

## A Smart Investment for South Carolina

Expanding transit funding means:

- More reliable service
- Stronger local economies
- Better access to jobs, healthcare, and education

**We urge you to champion increased transit funding—South Carolina's future depends on it.**

ENACT LEGISLATION

## TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF OUR TRANSIT PASSENGERS

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- **Current South Carolina law prevents transportation providers from removing passengers** who violate the code of conduct, jeopardizing the safety of others.
- **Transit operators don't have the authority** to remove disruptive passengers, which puts others at risk.
- **Legislation is needed to empower transit providers** to take action against threats and ensure a secure environment for all passengers.
- **Support common-sense safety measures**—protect riders, drivers, and staff from disruptive and dangerous behavior.

**Scan the QR code to see how proposed legislation can improve transit safety.**



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