

... People all across the country already know

Portland, Oregon light rail: Only one percent of trips are on the billion dollar light rail lines, and traffic congestion is worse than ever and the worst in any urban area its size. According to Texas Transportation Institute data, Portland's traffic congestion has grown more since the 1980s than anywhere but Los Angeles.
“Increased congestion”

San Jose, California light rail:

Anemic light rail ridership is stagnating at less than ½ of 1% of trips. Massive bus service cuts will hurt low-income riders, while the transit agency proceeds with rail expansion plans that will require billions in funding from the virtually bankrupt state of California.
“Bus service slashed”

Los Angeles, California light rail:

Huge investments in rail have not made an impact on traffic in this city with the nation's worst traffic congestion. Cost overruns forced transit officials to put 5 lines on indefinite hold, long before the recent California budget crisis.
“No impact on traffic”

Houston, Texas light rail:

Currently considering an \$8 billion, 73 mile light rail line that METRO itself admits will only move less than 1% of the traffic and not relieve congestion.
“Does Not Relieve Congestion”