

# Transit works ...

## for students

Hundreds of thousands of California's school kids don't have access to yellow school buses. Diverting funds from the Public Transportation Account would make it harder and more costly to get to school, especially for urban and low-income kids.

- **AC Transit** serves 60,000 students daily from 17 different school districts, with 40 percent of Oakland middle and high school students using it to get to school.
- **Los Angeles MTA** reported 21 million K-12 student boardings in FY 2005-06.
- Students account for 25 percent of all light rail users and 33 percent of all bus riders in the **Sacramento Regional Transit** system.
- In Elk Grove, one of the fastest growing cities in the nation, 41 percent of all local trips on **e-tran** are school-related – more than 130,000 trips annually in a city of roughly 136,000 people.
- **Long Beach Transit** issued 53,917 student passes in 2005-06.
- Trips to and from school account for 39 percent of riders on **San Joaquin Regional Transit District** buses.
- **Omnitrans** sold more than 28,000 student passes in San Bernardino County last year.
- **Foothill Transit** sells more than 14,000 student passes per year in San Gabriel and Pomona Valleys.

Cutting state funds for public transit will result in cuts to urban bus service or increased fares that will fall disproportionately on transit-dependent families and students with the fewest transportation options and least ability to pay.

