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# Chicago Traffic! Traffic! Traffic!

**Traffic** in the Chicagoland area is a major problem and just flat out a HEADACHE!

A report from the transportation analytics firm INRIX states that traffic costs each Chicago driver an average of \$1,920 in lost productivity annually, resulting in a total cost of \$6.2 billion each year.

**Traffic** adds to the noise pollution.

**Traffic** eliminates quality family time.

**Traffic** reduces productivity of workers.

**Traffic** adds carbon to the atmosphere.





# Public Transportation Access and Safety

- ▶ The Chicagoland area has world class Public Transportation Systems: **CTA, METRA, PACE, AMTRAK, Rideshare, etc.**
- ▶ The Chicago Transit System ranks among the highest in the nation.
- ▶ Still, some communities lack access which puts more cars on the road.
- ▶ Less cars on the road leads to less carbon and pollution.
- ▶ Safe and aesthetically pleasing systems encourage public ridership.

The screenshot shows a news article from the Chicago Tribune. At the top, there are navigation links for 'SECTIONS' and 'SEARCH', and a 'SPONSOR A STUDENT GIVE DIGITAL ACCESS' button. Below this is a row of five small article teasers with images and titles. The main article is an editorial by the Editorial Board, dated June 18, 2019, at 5:28 PM. It features a large photograph of a CTA Red Line train at a station. The article discusses the lack of transit options on the South Side of Chicago, contrasting it with the North Side. It quotes a report by Mary Wisniewski about a 'transportation desert' and argues that better transit is essential for job access and community vitality. On the right side of the page, there is a 'LATEST EDITORIALS' section with four smaller article teasers, each with a title, a small image, and a date.

EDITORIALS OPINION

## Editorial: On the South Side, not enough access to transit means not enough access to jobs

By THE EDITORIAL BOARD  
CHICAGO TRIBUNE | JUN 18, 2019 | 5:28 PM

CTA Red Line train enter and exit the 95th Street station in Chicago on Jan. 26, 2018. The proposed \$2.3 billion Red Line extension would provide CTA rail service to neighborhoods from the line's current 95th Street terminus to 130th Street. (Antonio Perez / Chicago Tribune)

Communities thrive when residents have options — transportation options included. On the North Side, having a car isn't a must. North Siders rarely are more than a stroll from the nearest CTA rail or bus stop. Divvy stations abound. Bicycle lanes crisscross neighborhoods.

On the Far South Side, however, transit options are far less robust. CTA rail and bus service isn't nearly as ubiquitous. There aren't as many Divvy stations or bike lanes. Many people don't own cars. All of which makes getting around a daily frustration.

The Tribune's Mary Wisniewski [reported this week](#) on the "transportation desert" that hamstrings livability and growth on the South Side. "It can be tough to get anywhere without a car," Wisniewski wrote. "The CTA Red Line stops at 95th Street, miles short of the city's southern border, and residents sometimes need multiple buses to get anywhere."

That includes getting to work. Access to jobs is Priority One — yet difficult to achieve — for many South Side adults. While work, income and self-reliance are good for anyone, they're also antidotes to the South Side's population exodus, its violence, its economic stagnation in many neighborhoods. When that ride to work is a multihour trek disguised as a daily commute, something's wrong.

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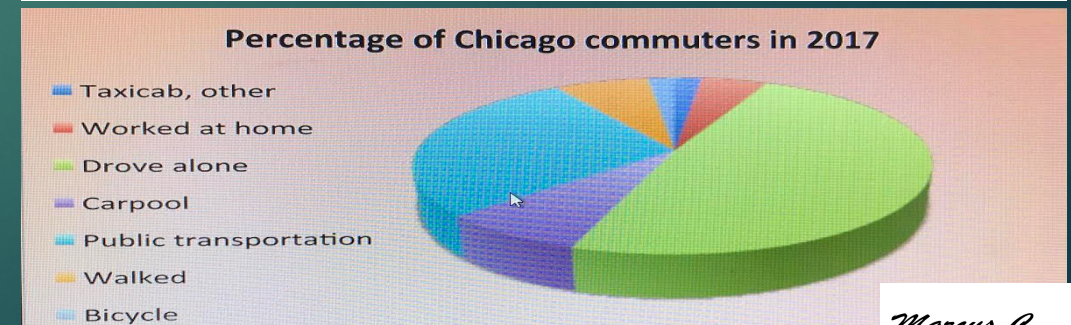
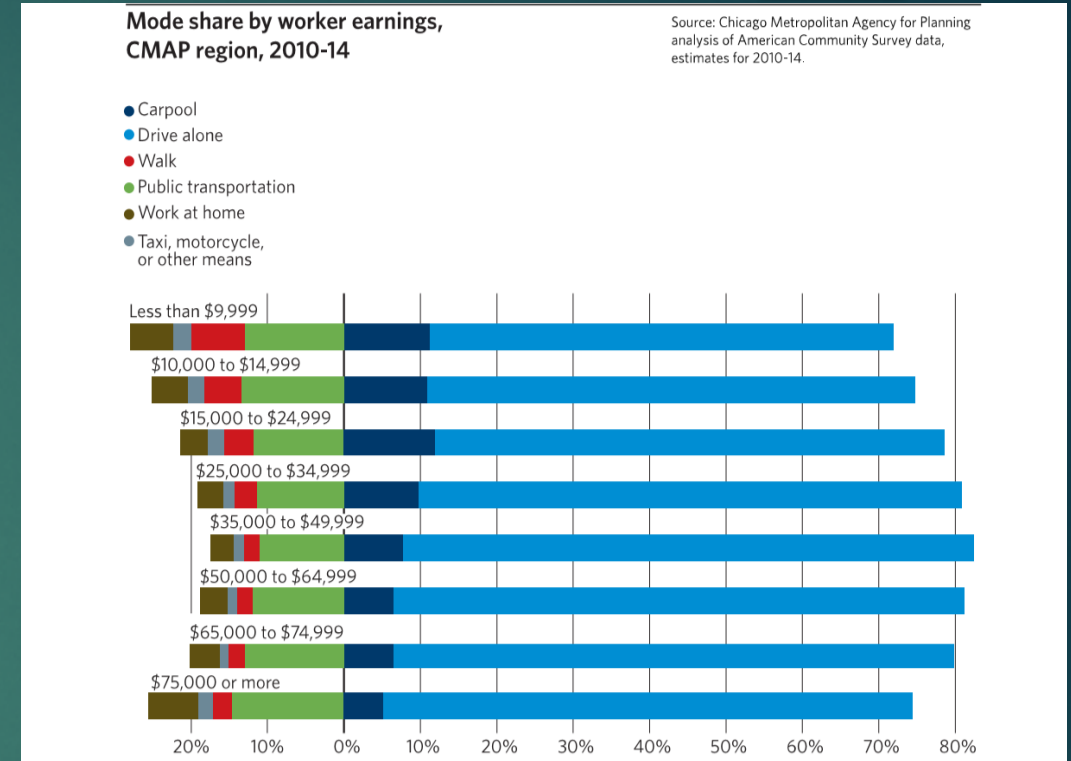
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# The Public Transportation Conundrum

- According to Forbes, Chicago has the 9<sup>th</sup> highest priced Transit System in the World at \$107 per month.
- Both graphs show that the majority of workers of all income levels choose to drive alone to work.
- We have to give workers more incentives to use Public Transportation.
- Strategies to get more people using Public Transportation and out of their cars is needed.





For Mobility & Transportation to enable Chicago's decarbonization goals, we must first address **public transportation access, safety and the conundrum.**