

Public Transit Infrastructure at Community Colleges

Transit accessibility is a key equity issue that cuts across higher education, workforce development, and infrastructure investments. The Biden Administration has highlighted that 40% of Americans lack access to affordable public transit. For **community college students** already juggling family, work, and school commitments, car ownership can be a prerequisite for success. Community college faculty often note that their students are "one flat tire away from dropping out."

According to SHSF, 57% of community and technical college main campuses have stops within walking distance. Notably, SHSF identifies a major opportunity: by extending existing infrastructure, an **additional 25% of community colleges could be made accessible by public transit.**

Why is transit accessibility critical for community college students?





36% of today's students attend community college

99%

of community college students live off-campus **\$1,840**/year

is the average transit spending for a community college student

Citations available at www.shs.foundation.

How far is it to the nearest transit stop?



