

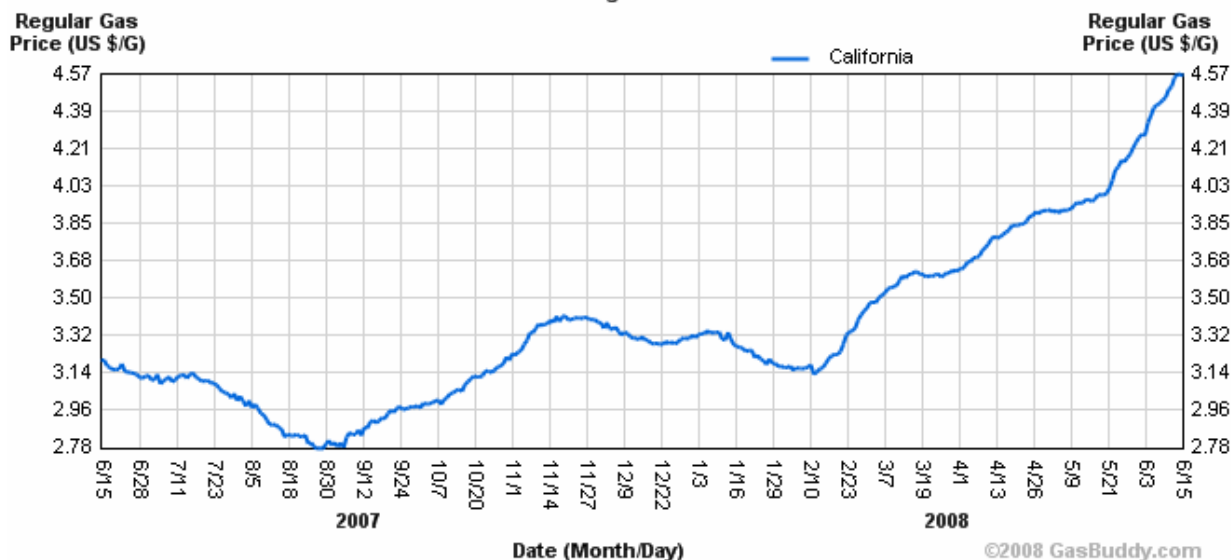
Fact Sheet

This fact sheet contains relevant information that puts the proposed raid of public transit funds in context: increasing gas prices, rising public transportation ridership, transportation emissions, and potential service cuts and fare hikes.

Soaring Gas Prices in California

Gas prices have risen by over \$1.30 per gallon since February of 2008.

12 Month Average Retail Price Chart



Transit Ridership Increases Across California

- Sacramento RT light rail ridership was up 43.3 percent in April 2008, compared to April 2007 (in part due to Easter holiday in March, but still significant)
- At Los Angeles Metro, from January to March, average weekday boardings rose 16 percent on the Red Line rail system, 13 percent on the Blue Line and 17 percent on the Gold Line. Bus ridership grew 8 percent over the same time period
- Caltrain set a record for average weekday ridership in February of 36,993, a 9.3 percent increase from 2007
- Ridership on both the ACE and Capitol Corridor trains rose 13.6 percent in the first quarter of 2008 compared with the same quarter last year

A recent survey of transit providers by the California Transit Association (CTA) revealed additional ridership increases on transit across the state:

- 4 percent increase in ridership on AC Transit over the past year
- 11 percent increase in ridership on Yuba-Sutter Transit over the past year
- 5.5 percent increase in Union City Transit bus services over the past year
- 5 percent increase in San Diego MTS ridership over the past year, with some lines' ridership increasing by as much as 11 percent
- Santa Clara VTA's ridership increased over 9 percent in the past year
- BART has set numerous ridership records this year, including a 20 percent increase in ridership to SFO during the winter holidays compared to the previous year

Transportation and Emissions

39% of California's greenhouse gas emissions come from transportation. (California Air Resources Board Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory--

<http://www.climatechange.ca.gov/inventory/index.html>)

Half of all Bay Area greenhouse gas emissions come from the transportation sector. (http://www.baagmd.gov/pln/ghg_emission_inventory.pdf -- Source Inventory of Bay Area Greenhouse Gas Emissions. Bay Area Air Quality Management District. November 2006.)

Transportation contributes significant amounts of other pollutants in California, including:

- 55% of Reactive Organic Gases (ROGs), chemicals that create smog precursors
- 81% of Carbon Monoxide, which restricts oxygen to the blood and produces adverse health effects
- 87% NO_x, Nitrogen Oxides, which combine with other chemicals to produce smog. NO_x also combines with other chemicals to contribute to acid deposition (acid rain)
- 61% SO_x, which contributes to acid deposition (acid rain)

(California Air Resources Board 2007 Almanac Emission Projection Data:

http://www.arb.ca.gov/app/emsmv/emssumcat_query.php?F_YR=2006&F_DIV=-4&F_SEASON=A&SP=2007&F_AREA=CA#7)

Service Cuts, Fare Hikes

Caltrain, which is experiencing ridership increases, is considering a mid-year fare hike to cover its operating costs.

Tri Delta Transit, VTA, and San Francisco's MUNI are among the operators that have made cuts to service this year to keep up with rising operation costs.

Earlier this year, Sacramento Regional Transit reduced bus service 5 percent, instituted a hiring freeze and eliminated cost-of-living pay increases for managers.

Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Authority is considering cuts to 29 routes, including 25 that serve transit-dependent areas and 20 that are close to hospitals.

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