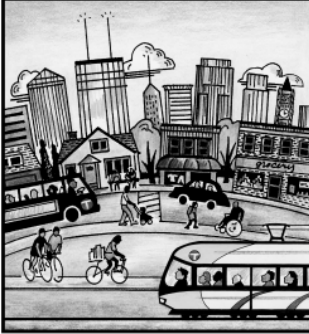


A Transit for Livable Communities Policy Brief



Transit Funding in Peer City Regions, per capita

Funding of transit in the Twin Cities is modest compared with our peers.

Transit for Livable Communities

TLC is a non-profit organization that works to improve the quality of life in Minnesota communities by encouraging transit, walking, biking and transit-oriented development.

Our major policy initiatives include:

- Securing increased funding for transit, biking and walking.
- Encouraging development and zoning that supports walking, biking, and transit.
- Advocating for reform of state transportation funding, road design practices, and local parking policies.

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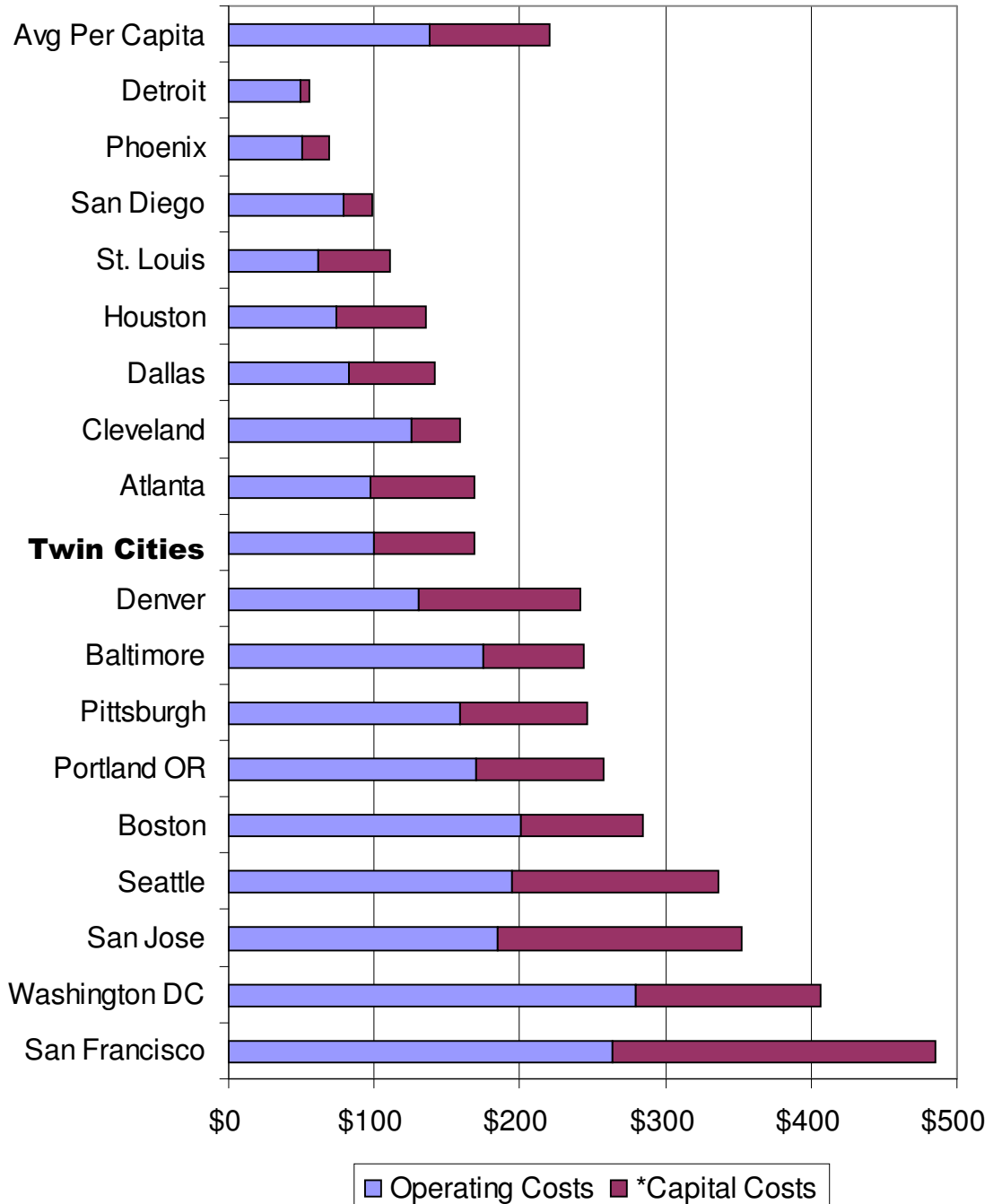
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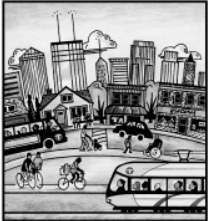
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In 2003, investment in public transit in the Twin Cities region was 77% of the average of these peer regions. Capital investment during this 5 year period includes the considerable investment of constructing the Hiawatha light rail line. It is worth noting that some regions incurred lower capital costs in this period because much of their rail and busway systems are already built. Five of these cities already have over 40 miles of rail transit in service.

City	Total Costs	Operating Costs	*Capital Costs
1 San Francisco	\$485	\$263	\$222
2 Washington DC	407	279	128
3 San Jose	352	184	168
4 Seattle	337	195	142
5 Boston	285	200	85
6 Portland OR	257	170	87
7 Pittsburgh	246	159	87
8 Baltimore	244	174	70
9 Denver	241	131	110
10 Twin Cities	169	100	69
11 Atlanta	169	97	72
12 Cleveland	159	126	33
13 Dallas	142	83	59
14 Houston	135	73	62
15 St. Louis	111	62	49
16 San Diego	98	79	19
17 Phoenix	69	51	18
18 Detroit	56	49	7
Average Per Capita	\$220	\$137	\$83

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Notes:

- Capital and operating budget figures are from National Transit Database, Transit Profiles and Data Tables (<http://www.ntdprogram.com>).
- The list includes all regions whose population was between 1.5 million and 4.1 million.
- Per capita figures are based on metropolitan area population (Census 2000 figures).
- Commuter rail spending may benefit areas outside of the metropolitan area.
- Figures do not include demand-response components (either paratransit or dial a ride).
- Figures for Seattle do not include WSDOT Ferry service.