

## CHICAGO'S LOVE OF PUBLIC TRANSIT SHOWS SUPPORT FOR TRANSFORMATIVE INVESTMENTS

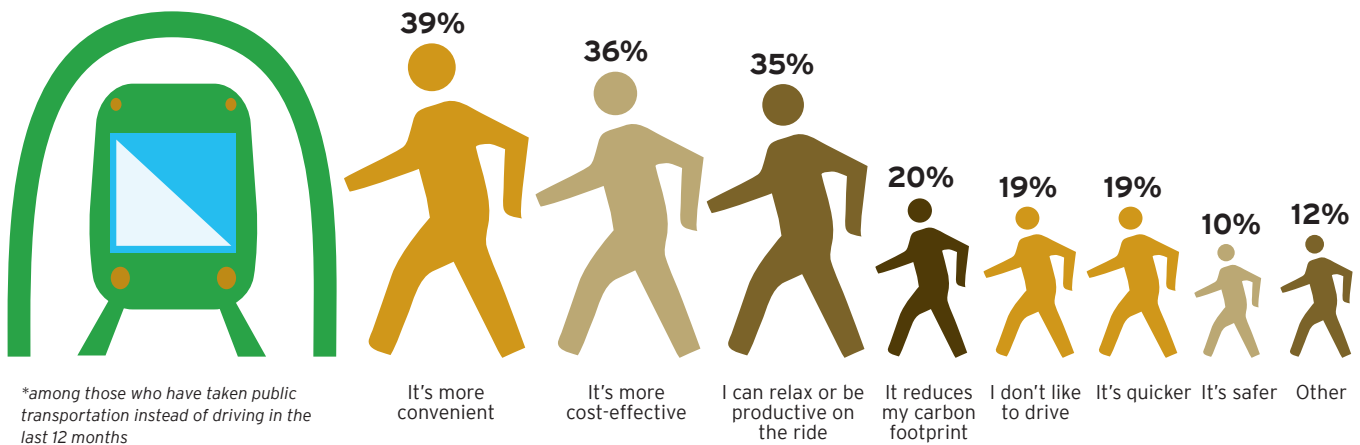
Today, more than three-quarters of Chicagoans are using public transportation. While public transportation use is at high levels, Chicagoans could be encouraged to ride even more.

A new America THINKS survey by HNTB Corporation, a national infrastructure solutions firm, explores why Chicagoans are using public transportation and why they like it, and offers public transportation agencies some of their ideas that could increase ridership.

### WHY I LIKE THE RIDE

Americans who use public transportation instead of driving appreciate the benefits they are able to enjoy, including more cost effective mobility, the opportunity to be productive while they are en route and added convenience.

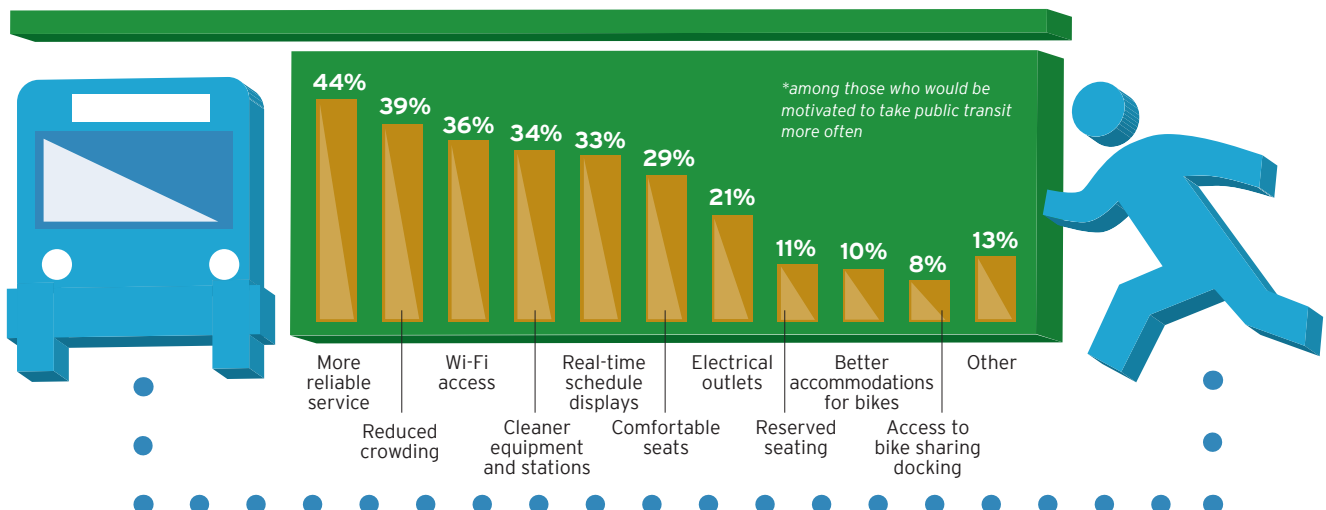
In the last 12 months, I've taken public transportation instead of driving because...\*



### SUPPORT FOR TRANSFORMATIVE INVESTMENTS

More than four in five Chicagoans (82 percent) say they could be motivated to increase their use of public transportation with changes in service, added amenities, updated facilities and more.

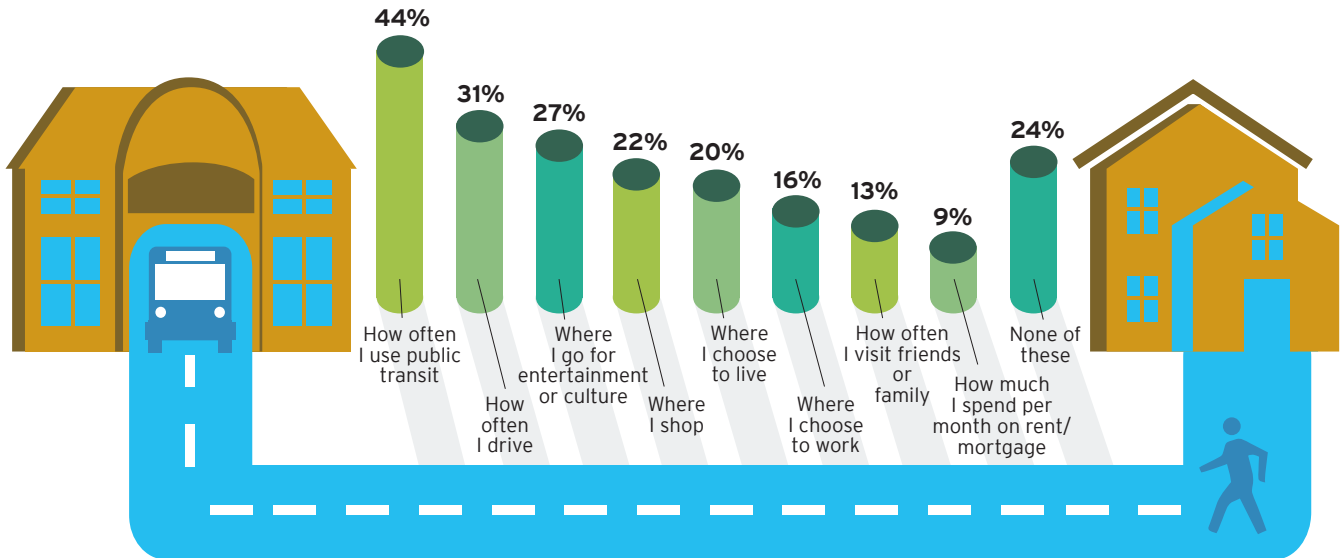
What would motivate you to take public transit more often?\*



**LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION**

*Living in close proximity to public transportation stations significantly affects the day-to-day decisions Chicagoans make on how to get around as well as many other aspects of their lives such as where to shop, live and work.*

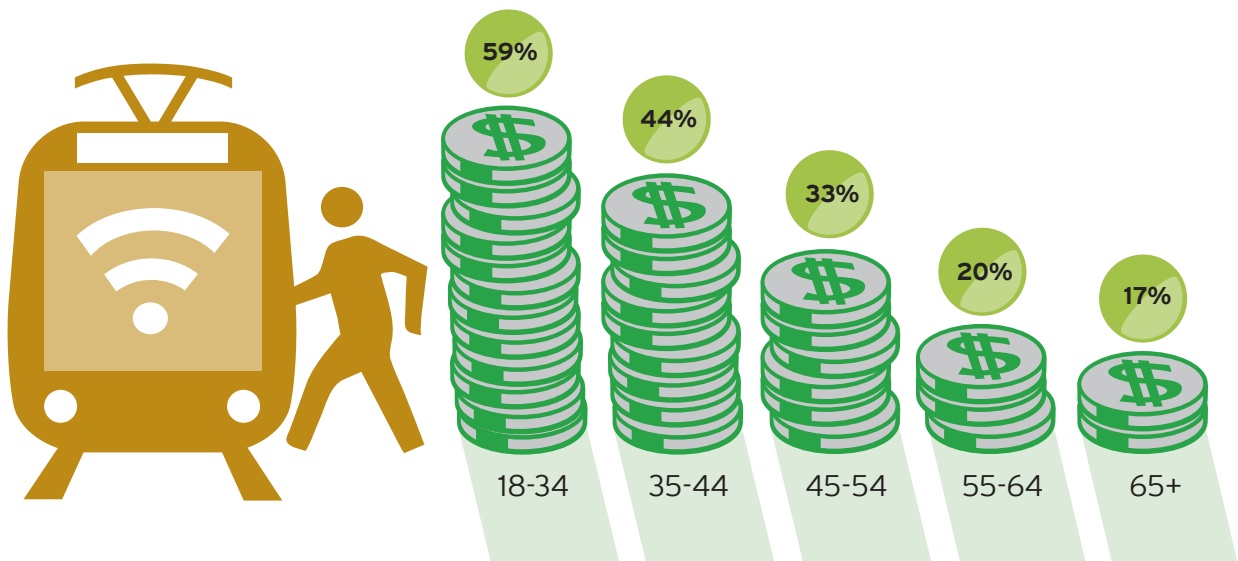
A public transportation station being in close proximity would impact...



**CONVENIENCE IS KING**

*Chicagoans are eager for the public transportation they use to continue to improve and make their lives more convenient...and they are willing to pay for that convenience.*

Chicagoans who would pay to ensure online connectivity if Wi-Fi was available on public transit, by age:



HNTB's America THINKS 2015 public transit Chicago survey was conducted by Kelton Global between Sept. 15 and 25, among 1,000 Chicago residents ages 18 and over, using an e-mail invitation and online survey. The margin of error is +/- 3.1 percent. For more information, visit [www.hntb.com](http://www.hntb.com) or contact Sara Prem (816) 527-2258, [sprem@hntb.com](mailto:sprem@hntb.com).