



# Streamline Bus Five-Year Business Plan Community Conversations

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# Streamline

*Catch the Current!*



Streamline  
Daytime  
Latenight  
Bridger Bowl  
Livingston  
Saturdays  
Galavan  
Reach  
\$1.4 million per  
year

*Upstream to Downtown*



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# Transit in Montana

- 34 communities have public transportation
- Almost all Montanans live within 25 miles of bus or rail service connecting to regional hubs and the rest of the country
- 75 non-profit organizations receive capital assistance for elderly and disabled transportation



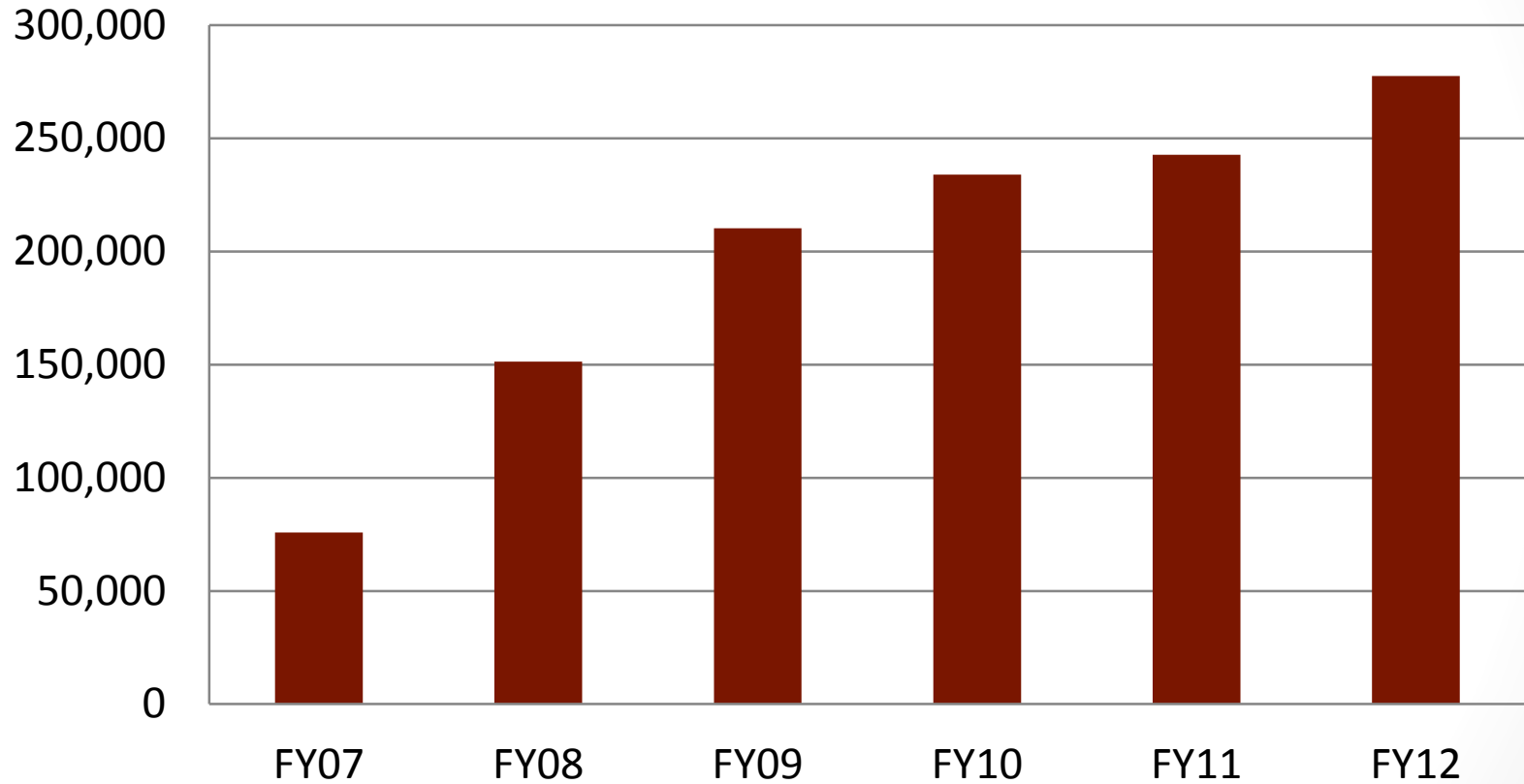
# Streamline's First Year



- August 21, 2006
- 90,000 rides



## Annual Ridership





# 5-Year Plan Project Scope

## Financial Analysis of Service Alternatives

- Service Alternatives
  - Scenario #1 – funding levels remain unchanged / maintain current service
  - Scenario #2 – reduced funding / reduce service to core services only
  - Scenario #3 – expanded service within city Limits
  - Scenario #4 – expanded service beyond city limits
- Non-Service Alternatives
  - Staffing scenarios
  - Infrastructure scenarios
  - Vehicle scenarios
  - Technology scenarios
  - Marketing scenarios

# DAYTIME SERVICE

BLUELINE

YELLOWLINE

REDLINE

GREENLINE



## LEGEND

- DIRECTION
- OVERLAP
- DROP - OFF ONLY
- BUS STOP
- STOP BOTH WAYS

### TRANSFER POINTS

- DOWNTOWN HUB
- GALLATIN VALLEY MALL
- MSU-STRAND UNION

### ROUTES INCLUDED

- BLUELINE
- REDLINE
- YELLOWLINE
- GREENLINE

# Transit Fact

Alcohol-related traffic deaths are on the rise. In 2000, 16,653 people were killed in accidents involving alcohol, representing 40% of the 41,821 people killed in all traffic crashes. Public transportation helps to keep dangerous drivers off the road by providing a needed transportation choice.





# Latenight

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THURSDAY - FRIDAY - SATURDAY  
**Latenight Service**  
FARE FREE SERVICE

**Latenight Route Map**  
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➔ DIRECTION  
➔ OVERLAP  
T TIMED STOP  
T DIRECTED TIMED STOP  
T ROUTE STOP  
T DIRECTED STOP

➔ **Upstream**  
FRIDAY - SATURDAY  
➔ **Downtown**  
THURSDAY - FRIDAY  
SATURDAY

➔ **DOWNTOWN: THURSDAY, FRIDAY & SATURDAY - UPSTREAM: FRIDAY & SATURDAY**

# SKYLINE

LINK TO THE PEAK!



**GET SOME  
ALTITUDE**

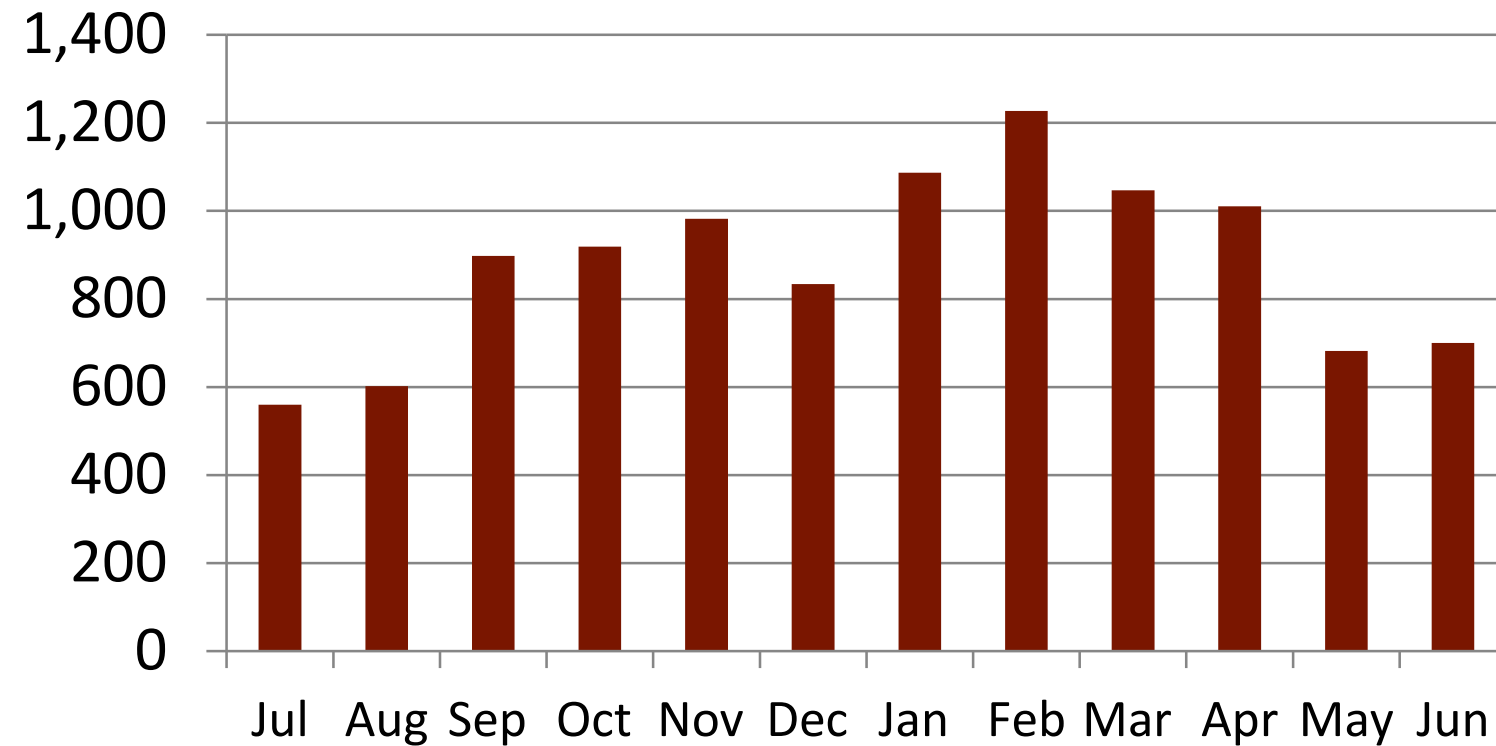
INTRODUCING **SKYLINE**, A YEAR  
ROUND **BIG SKY BUS SERVICE**  
WITH THE **LINK TO BOZEMAN**



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# Streamline Daytime Average Ridership (FY 2012)

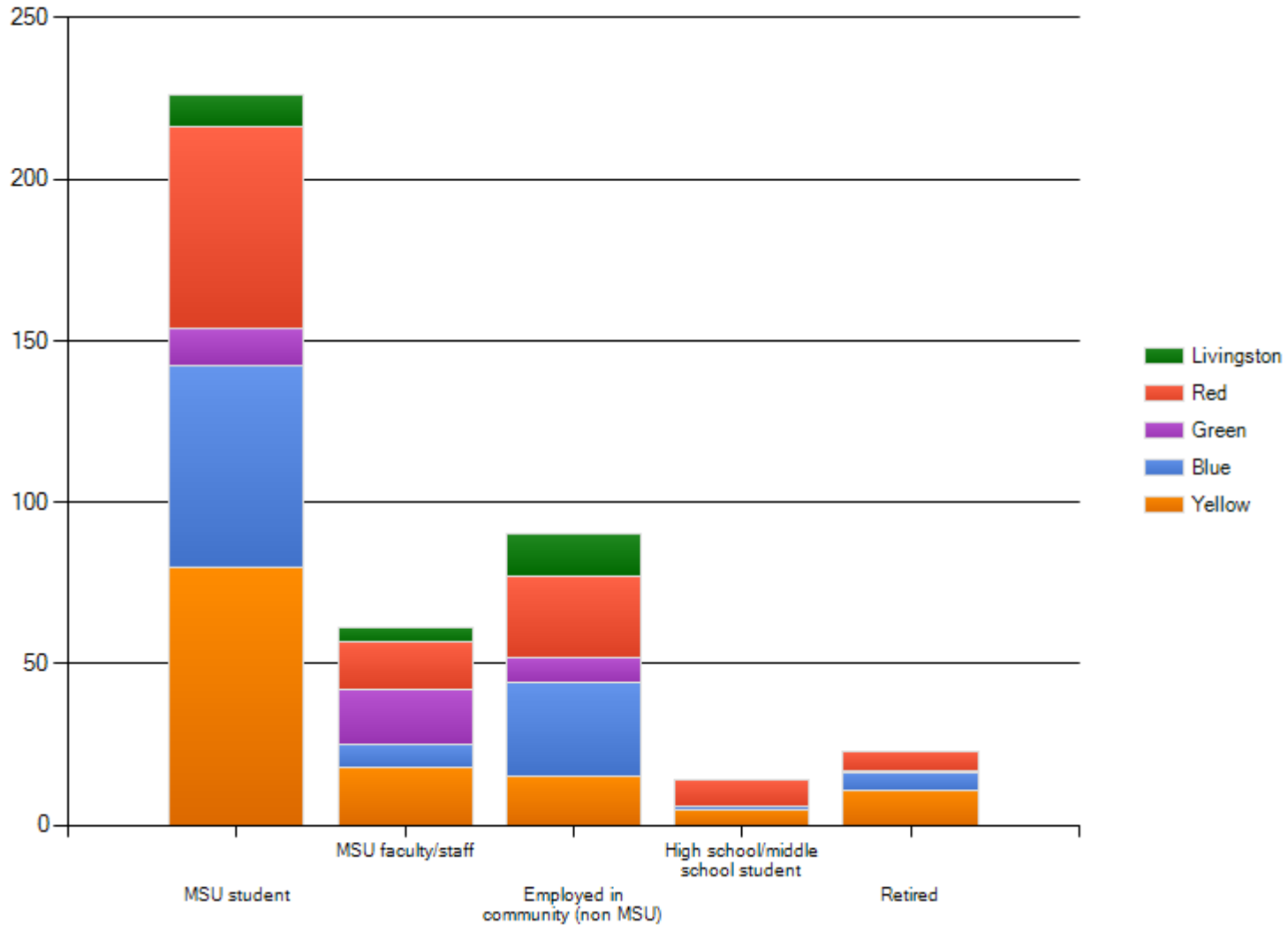


70% MSU students, staff, faculty (Oct 2012 survey)

Ridership increases in snow

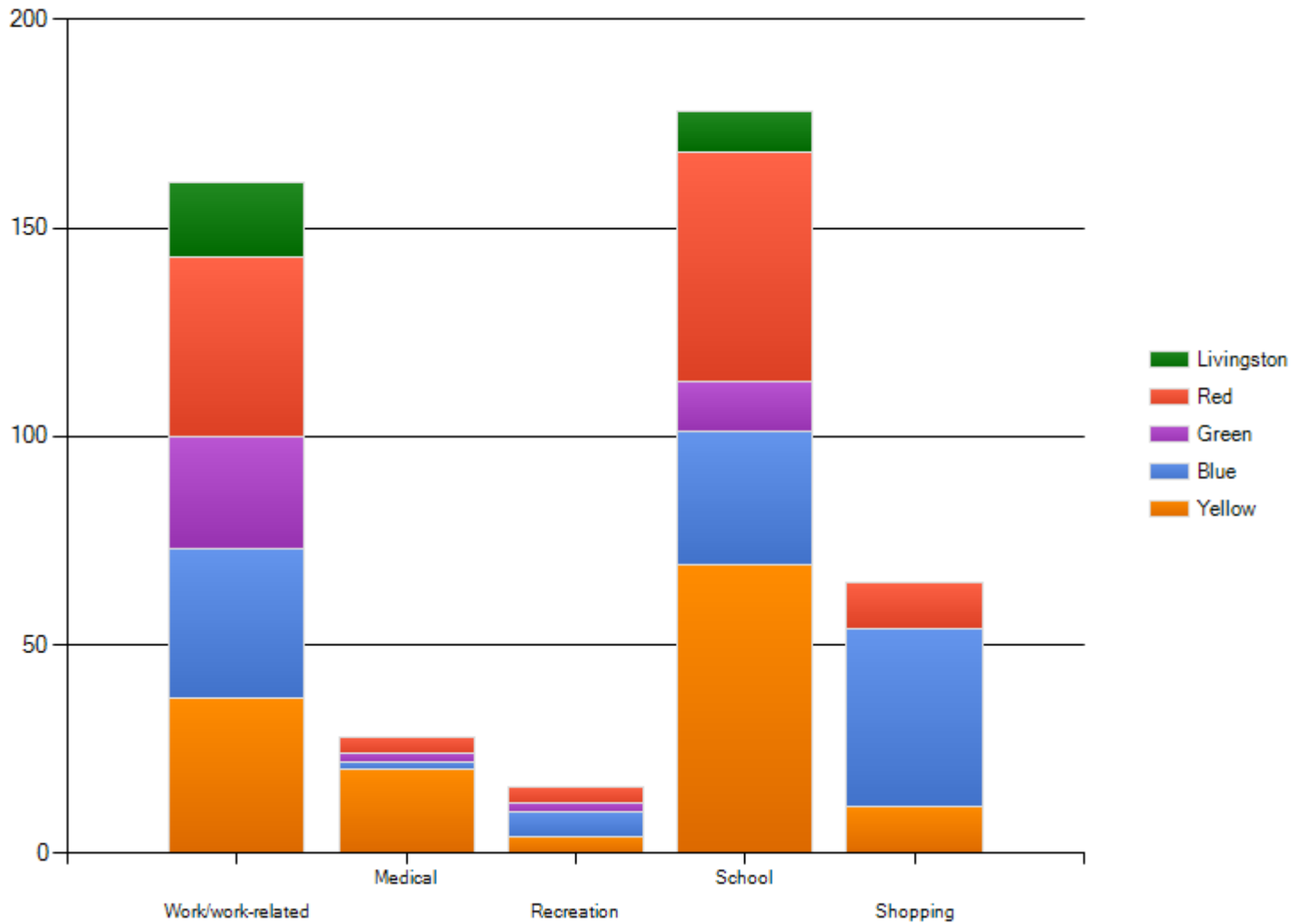
# Who is riding Streamline?

What best describes your current status?

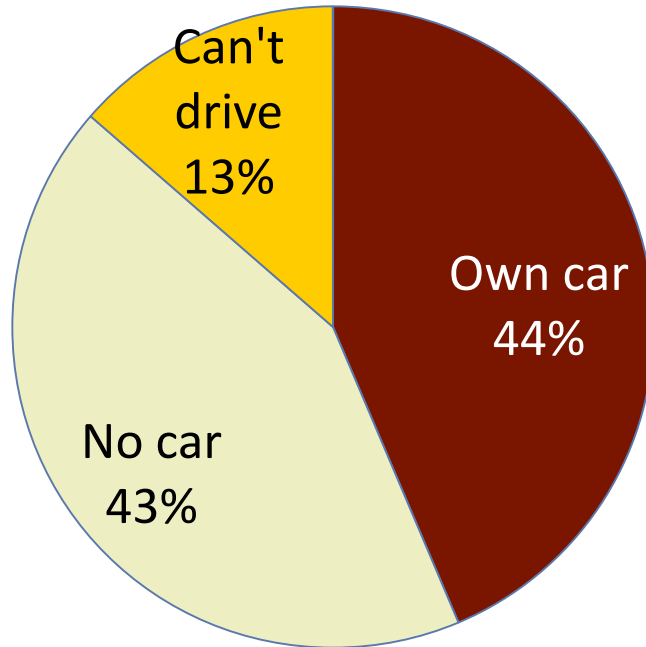


# Why are people riding?

What best describes the purpose of this trip?

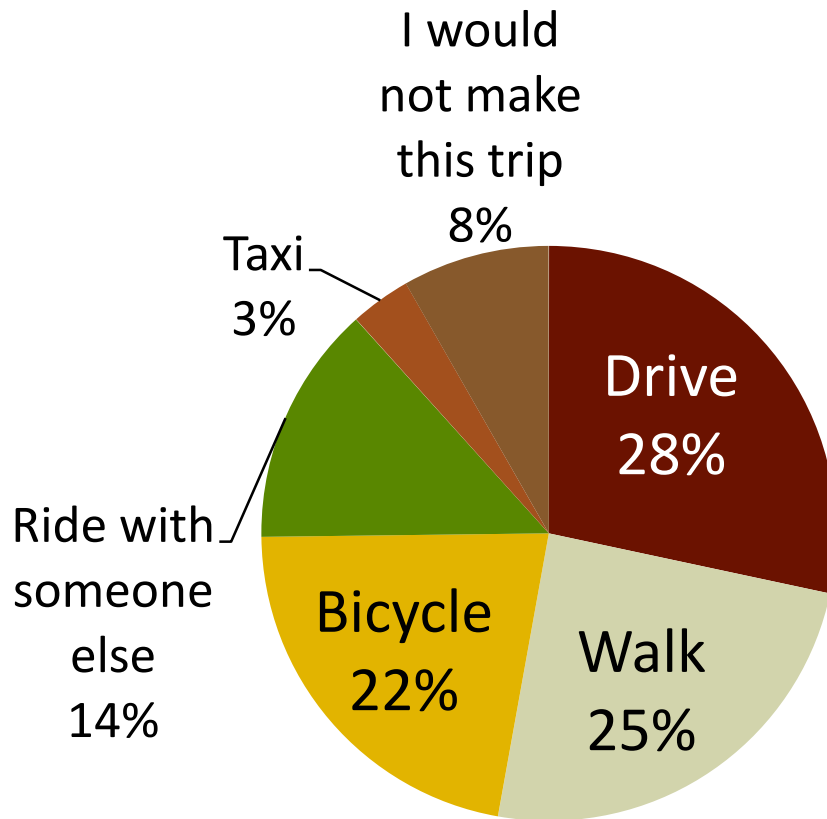


# Automobile Ownership



## Streamline Riders Survey

# If bus service were not available, how would you make this kind of trip?



## Streamline Riders Survey

- Galavan
- Walk a lot!
- We would have to buy a second car
- Who knows



# Transit Fact

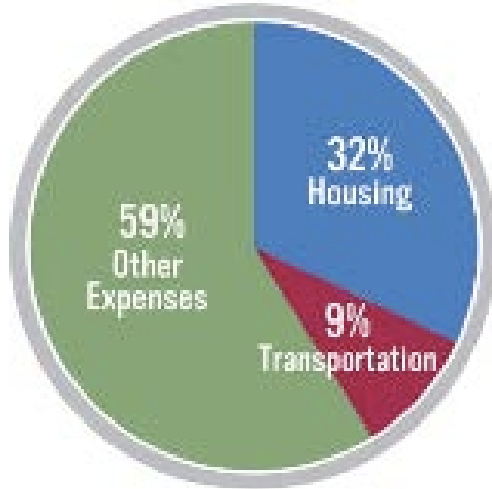
America's families spend more than 19 cents out of every dollar earned on transportation, an expense second only to housing and greater than food and health care combined



# Transportation and Household Costs

41 % → 51 % → 57 %

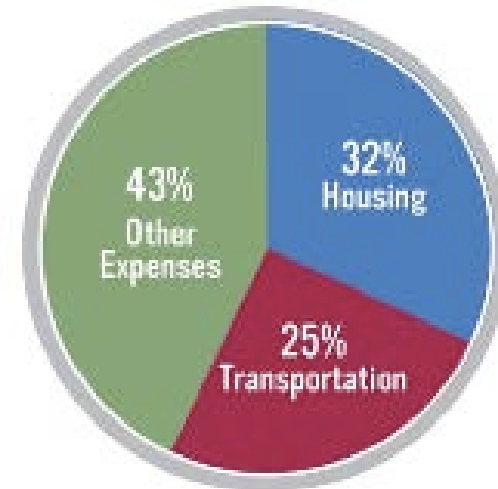
**TRANSIT RICH NEIGHBORHOOD**



**AVERAGE AMERICAN FAMILY**



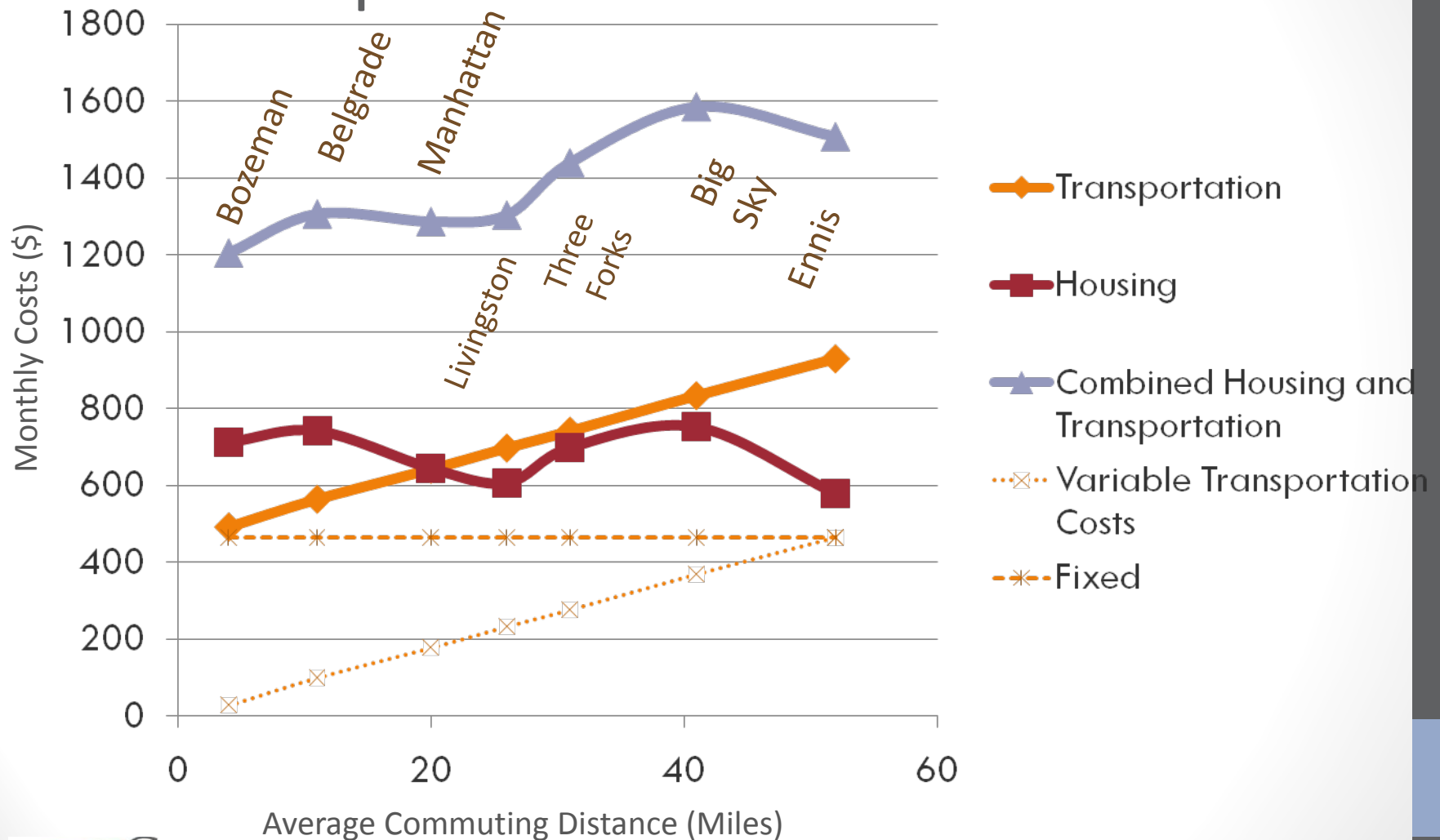
**AUTO DEPENDENT EXURBS**



While the average family spends 19 percent of the household budget on transportation, and households in auto-dependent neighborhoods spend 25 percent, households with good access to transit spend just 9 percent. This savings can be critical for low-income households.

Source: Center for TOD + Transportation Affordability Index, 2004 Bureau of Labor Statistics

# Transportation, Housing, and Development – Southwest Montana





# Safety Net vs. Broad-Based Community Service

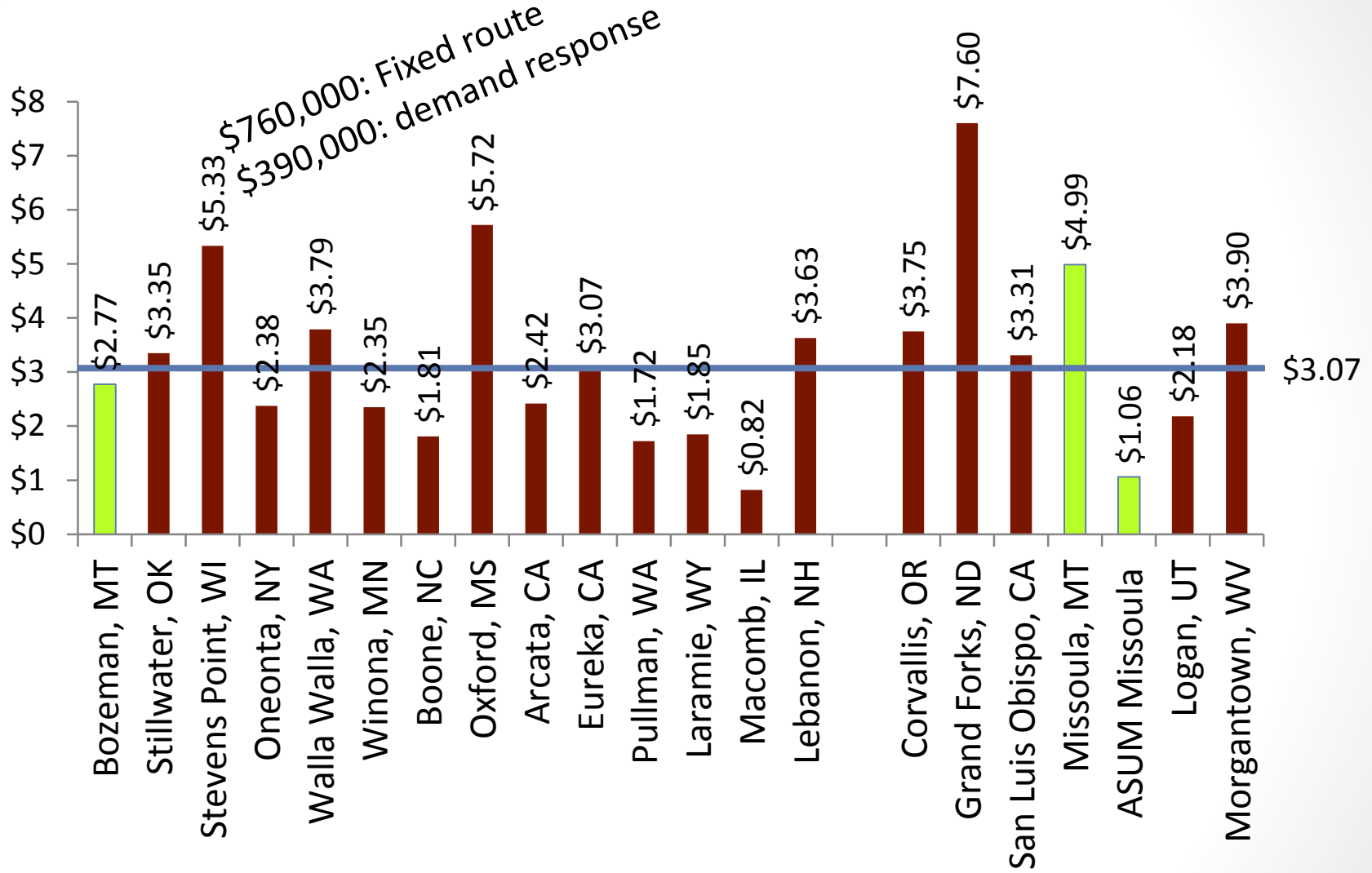
## **Cost per fixed route ride (FY 2010)**

- Bozeman: \$2.27
- Helena: \$5.50
- Butte: \$5.00

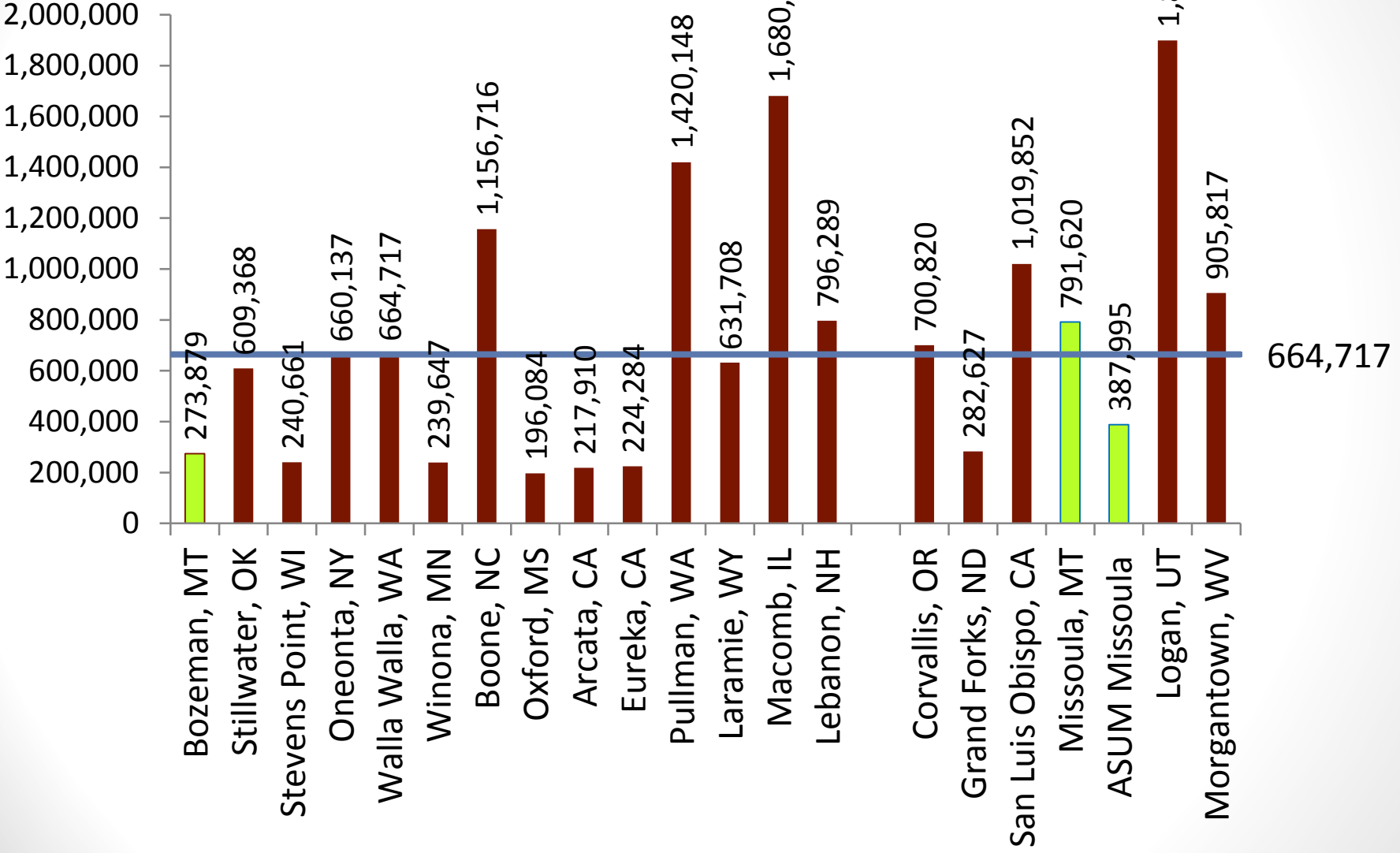
## Cost per demand-response (dial-a-ride ) ride (FY 2010)

- Bozeman: \$15.46
- Peer group: \$26

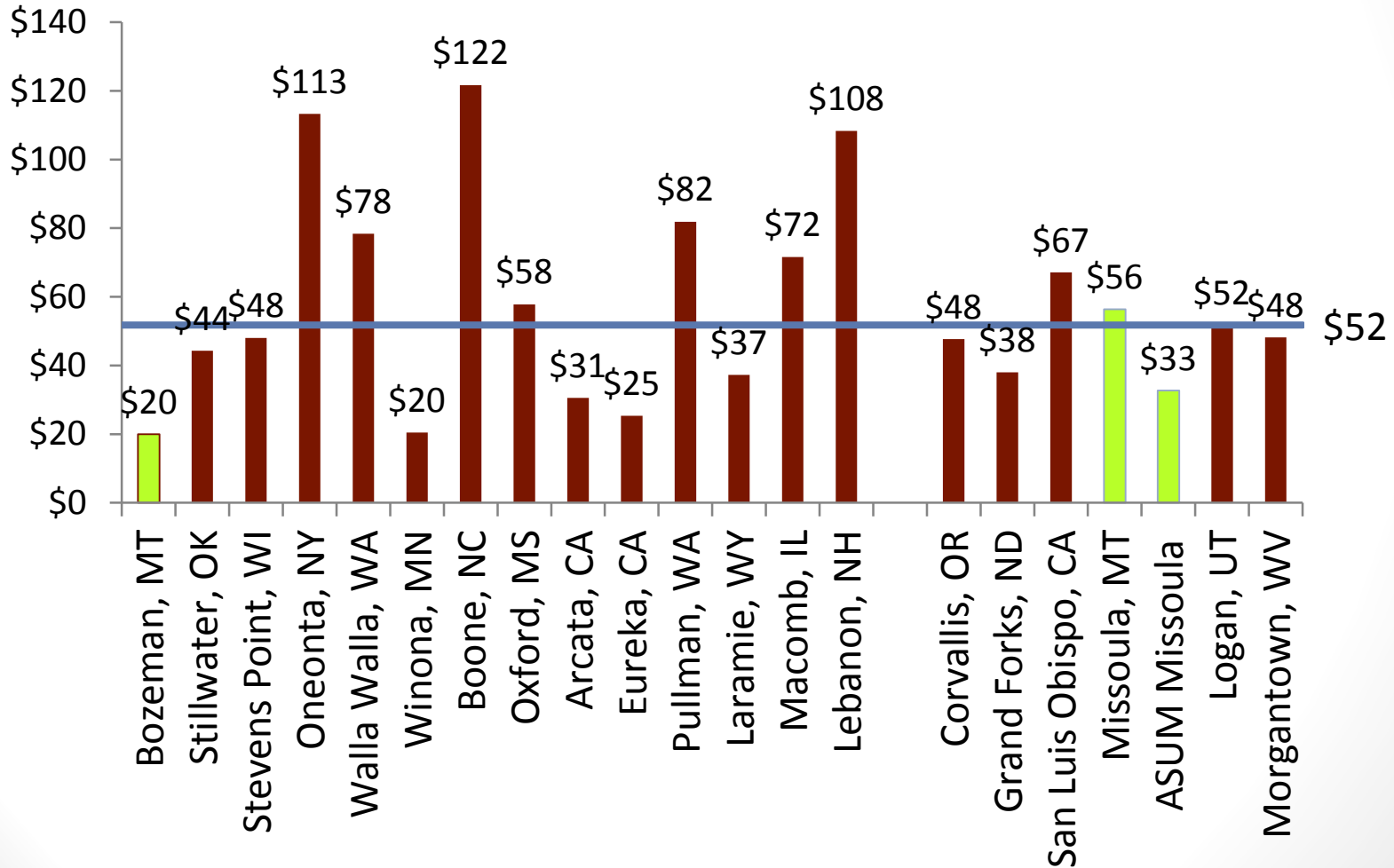
# Cost per Passenger Trip (Fixed Route 2010)



# Annual Passenger Trips (Fixed Route 2010)



## Investment per Capita (Fixed Route)






# FY 2012 Budget

## Revenue

|                           |                    |
|---------------------------|--------------------|
| FTA 5311                  | \$819,604          |
| Montana TransADE          | \$57,500           |
| ASMSU                     | \$117,000          |
| MSU                       | \$85,000           |
| City of Bozeman           | \$122,400          |
| Gallatin County           | \$49,000           |
| Contract – Bridger/Bohart | \$12,600           |
| City of Belgrade          | \$8,000            |
| Contract - Reach          | \$60,000           |
| Contract – Right Now      | \$2,500            |
| United Way                | \$25,000           |
| Title III                 | \$20,000           |
| Rider donations           | \$18,000           |
| Others                    | \$35,000           |
| <b>Total</b>              | <b>\$1,432,604</b> |

Recent additional funds shown in blue





# Potential Streamline Fare Box Revenue

- Fare box recovery
  - NYC – 55%
  - LA – 23%
  - Helena – 7%
  - Butte – 7%
  - Bozeman, Big Sky, Logan, Vail, Whidbey Island – 0% (fare-free systems)
- 7% of budget
- At \$1 / \$0.50 fare  
\$61,000 -> \$28,000 or less



# Cost of Fares

- 1 time - \$21,000 / bus
- Ongoing – 2% -> 7% (standard)
- Streamline - \$51,000

# Fare Comparison Summary

| Streamline<br>Low                     | Streamline<br>High   | Skagit<br>County       |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Revenue - \$25,000<br>Cost - \$51,000 | \$61,000<br>\$51,000 | \$121,000<br>\$133,000 |
| Net – (\$26,000)                      | \$10,000 + 1%        | (\$12,000)             |



# BENEFITS/COSTS

- **Mobility**

- Access to jobs/education
- Independent living
- Medical care savings
- Support and savings to Human Services, Education, Labor, etc.
- Equity
- Option value / emergency response

- **Efficiency**

- Vehicle costs
- Chauffeuring
- Congestion mitigation
- Parking
- Safety, security, and health
- Roadway costs
- Energy and emissions
- Travel time impacts

- **Land use**

- Land dedicated to transportation
- Land use objectives

- **Economic Development**

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- Shifted expenditures
- Agglomeration economies
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## Wisconsin Calculated Benefits per Trip (2002 dollars)

|                                 |               |
|---------------------------------|---------------|
| Work:                           | \$6.96        |
| Service (shopping, recreation): | \$6.27        |
| Education:                      | \$4.03        |
| Medical:                        | \$18.52       |
| <b>Average :</b>                | <b>\$7.38</b> |

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## Parking costs per space

|                              |              |
|------------------------------|--------------|
| Parking garage:              | \$2,000/yr   |
| Daily trips to campus:       | ~225         |
| Assumption in saved parking: | 100 spaces   |
| MSU Facility Savings:        | \$200,000/yr |

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