



Puritas Rapid Transit Center



Project Background:

The Puritas Rail Station (Puritas) is located on a spacious multi-acre site near the I-71 exit to West 150th Street in Cleveland, Ohio. Puritas is one of eighteen stations that comprise the Red Line, a heavy rail system, which operates along a 19-mile one-way track. Heavy rail provides high speed service with the ability to carry “heavy” loads of passengers.

Puritas is one of RTA's top five usage stations – it transports approximately 900 riders a day. Built in 1966, Puritas is in need of major improvements to address accessibility and functional deficiencies. The new \$8.5 million station will be ADA compliant, with a new headhouse, two entrances, new signage, public art and a new parking lot.

Local Benefits:

Puritas provides invaluable connectivity to Cleveland's top two employment centers – downtown Cleveland and University Circle. Puritas also offers additional benefits to the environment via reduction in energy consumption and it provides considerable [cost savings](#) to its riders. Recent studies state that public transportation provides an individual savings of over \$8,600 annually.

\$1.25 million spent on public transportation projects, approximately 51.3 jobs are created—nearly 19 percent more jobs than new roads or bridge projects create, and almost nine percent more than road or bridge repair and maintenance projects.

The transit authority's capital investment in Puritas will have a [substantial impact](#) on the local economy – it will spur growth and economic development.

The Surface Transportation Policy Project estimates that for every

Project Highlights

- One of RTA's top five usage stations – transports over 900 riders a day.
- Implement major ADA improvements to address accessibility issues
- New parking lot to serve
- Project is carbon neutral
- Estimated cost- \$8.5 million
- Est. Construction: [2009](#)

RTA was recently awarded \$42 million in federal stimulus funding. It will allocate \$22 million towards five BUGC-projects.

Redline S-Curve Track Replacement	\$600 k
Light Rail Trunk Line (Shaker Line)	\$2.0 m
Woodhill Rail Station	\$3.0 m
Stephanie Tubbs Jones Transit Center	\$7.9 m
Puritas Rapid Station	\$8.5 m



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[Transit Benefits Calculator](#)



Stephanie Tubbs-Jones East Side Transit Center



Project Background:

RTA dedicated the former "East Side Transit Center" to late Congresswoman Stephanie Tubbs Jones. The Center will be located at East 21st Street roadway on Prospect between East 21st and East 22nd streets on a parking lot presently occupied by Cleveland State University. The estimated construction cost of the Center is \$7.9M.

The Center will serve as the main depot for travelers passing between buses and operate very much like an airport waiting area. The building is designed to service the bus areas that include an off-street bus loop, area for turning, staging, layover, and comfortable areas for passenger boarding and alighting. The Center may also include addition retail and other investment.

The transit center will benefit from its premier location – the area has a very high concentration of CSU students, transit users and a correspondingly high amount of service. Over 100 high volume buses operate in these areas during peak hours.

Local Benefits:

The construction of the transit center will eliminate the need for on-street bus layovers and will increase pedestrian access to these transit centers. It will provide an effective way for customers to travel and connect seamlessly, through local, circulator, intercommunity, regional and downtown transit-oriented services.

According to Joe Calabrese, CEO of RTA, 52 percent of Cleveland's riders choose public transit over private vehicle commuting, while 38 percent are dependent on transit to get to work, see doctors, and get the health care they need. For those dependent

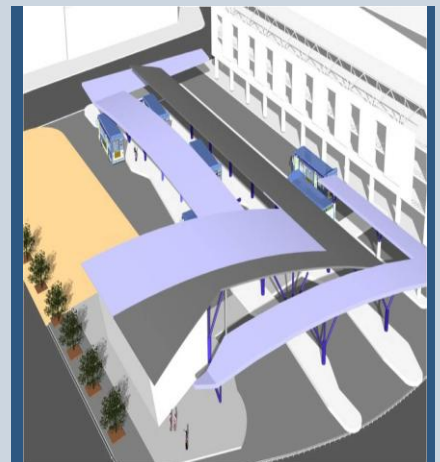
on public transportation, RTA offers improved social and economic mobility. A recent [Brookings Institute study](#) found that the majority of new jobs created are located more than 10 miles from downtown.

RTA's substantial investment in capital projects has enhanced greater Cleveland's economy. Industry experts' assert that every \$1 invested in public [transportation projects generates](#) approximately \$6 in local economic activity.

Project Highlights

- Downtown transit center to improve bus services in the Cleveland central business district
- Construction of a 2,000 square feet of a waiting area
- Construction of approximately 46,000 square ft (1 acre) bus staging area
- Project will compliment Cleveland State University's \$200 million master plan
- Estimated cost- \$7.9 million
- Est. Construction Period: 2009

The Stephanie Tubbs Jones Transit Center will promote long-term economic growth and community development.



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