#### Friends of Sudbury Transit

We are a citizen group, formed in 2011, working to help improve transit for the citizens of Greater Sudbury

Transit brings many benefits to its citizens – both to those who use it and those who don't

### **Transit Helps Solve These Transportation Problems**

- Traffic congestion
- Parking congestion
- Road infrastructure costs
- Parking infrastructure costs like multi-level garages
- Automobile costs to consumers

- Inadequate mobility for nondrivers (including an aging population)
- Excessive energy consumption
- Pollution emissions
- Traffic accidents

## Transit gives a big bang for the buck!

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For every \$1,000 in property taxes collected in 2012:

Road Construction and Maintenance: \$238 Greater Sudbury Transit: \$47

\*From the CGS website

Transit uses 4.7% of our taxes while 33% of Sudburians do not have access to a car. In contrast, roads use 24% of our taxes.

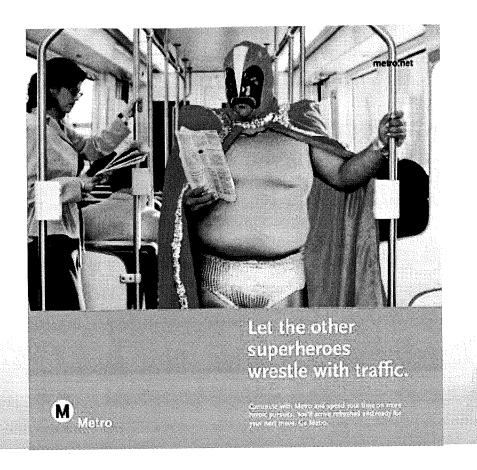
### **Budget Suggestion**

Allocate \$48 per \$1000 to transit because of the far-reaching benefits to the citizens of Greater Sudbury and because of the cost savings it will generate in other areas of spending like on road construction

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# Where to spend that extra \$1?

Implement a Ridership Growth Strategy as outlined in the 2006 *Entra* study to **increase revenue and ridership**, especially to attract discretionary riders (those who have the option to take their cars)



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Implement a 6 month pilot project to change **Sunday Service** to **Saturday Service**.

Citizens need to work, shop and travel on Sundays using the same routes they use on Saturdays.

We have a petition with 2000 signatures requesting this change.

#### Other ideas

Create **Family/Day Passes** to encourage families to travel by transit and to make it more affordable for families

Add more **Express bus** routes at peak times to further reduce congestion

Increase snow clearing at bus stops

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By improving transit, the City can reduce costs in other areas and secure a more sustainable future