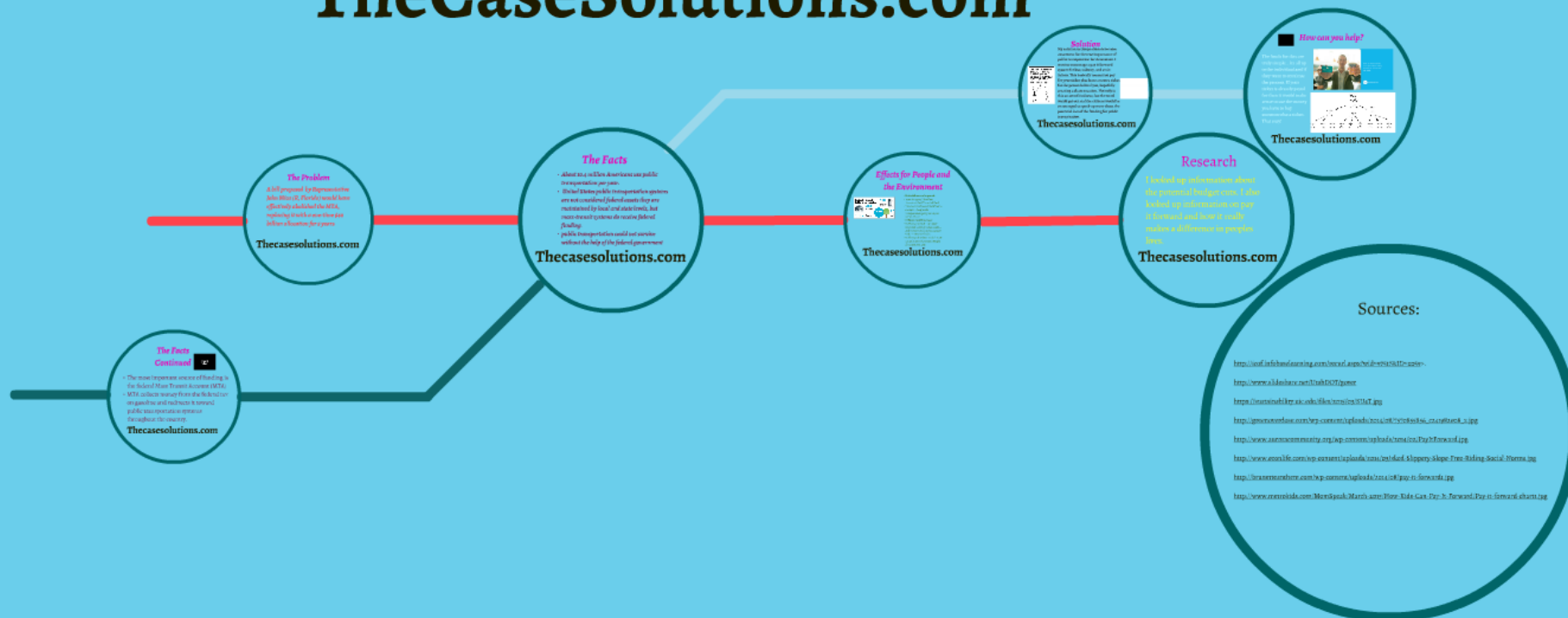


Lagos Metropolitan Area Transportation Authority (LAMATA)

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The Facts

- *About 10.4 million Americans use public transportation per year.*
- *United States public transportation systems are not considered federal assets they are maintained by local and state levels, but mass-transit systems do receive federal funding.*
- *public transportation could not survive without the help of the federal government*

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The Facts Continued



- The most important source of funding is the federal Mass Transit Account (MTA)
- MTA collects money from the federal tax on gasoline and redirects it toward public transportation systems throughout the country.

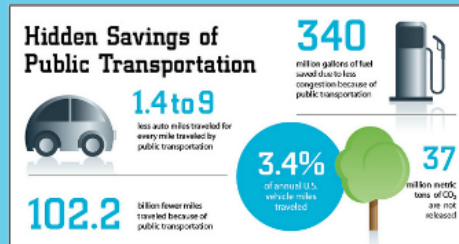
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The Problem

A bill proposed by Representative John Mica (R, Florida) would have effectively abolished the MTA, replacing it with a one-time \$40 billion allocation for 5 years

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Effects for People and the Environment



- **If this bill were to be passed:**
- a jaw dropping 1.8 million Americans would be out of work
- this amount of money would not be enough to keep public transportation going for a 5 year period of time.
- **Pollution would increase:**
- public transportation produces about half as much carbon dioxide and nitrogen oxide, per passenger mile, as private vehicles
- public transit reduces emissions of the pollutants that create smog by about 100,000 tons

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Solution

My solution to this problem is to raise awareness for the true importance of public transportation for Americans. I want to encourage a pay it forward system for bus, subway, and train tickets. This basically means you pay for your ticket plus leave an extra ticket for the person behind you, hopefully creating a chain reaction. Not only is this an act of kindness, but the word would get out and the citizens would be encouraged to speak up more about the potential loss of the funding for public transportation.

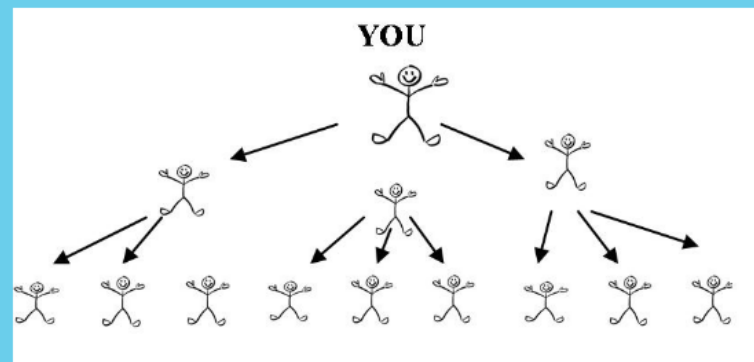


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How can you help?

The funds for this are truly simple... its all up to the individual and if they want to continue the process. If your ticket is already payed for then it would make sense to use the money you have to buy someone else a ticket. That easy!



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Research

I looked up information about the potential budget cuts. I also looked up information on pay it forward and how it really makes a difference in peoples lives.

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