



Transit X, LLC offers a preliminary proposal for

## Devens, MA

For a privately-funded shared mobility service that is

**High capacity • Automated • Wait-free**  
**Solar powered • Final destination • Resilient**

26-page companion Transit X Handbook is available at [transitx.com/transitxhandbook.pdf](http://transitx.com/transitxhandbook.pdf)





# Economics for Devens, MA

Inputs are underlined.

Size of region	<u>9.3</u> km <sup>2</sup>	3.6 sq miles
Number of people in region (residents + visitors)	<u>8,000</u>	
Travel distance per year by all people (residents and visitors)	116,000,000 km	72,049,689 mi
Percentage of all travel that occurs within the region	<u>25%</u>	
Road coverage (percent of area conveniently served by paved roads)	<u>45%</u>	
Service area size	<u>4.185</u> km <sup>2</sup>	1.6 sq miles
Coverage: percent of people convenient (3 min walk) to Transit X	<u>85%</u>	
Estimate #1 for network length based on desired coverage	<u>7</u> km	4.5 miles
Length of paved roads (non-highway) in region	<u>10</u> km	6.5 miles
Estimate #2 for network length based on paved roadways	<u>4</u> km	2.8 miles
<b>Transit X network length</b>	<b><u>7</u></b> km	<b>4.5 miles</b>
Route density ratio (route length to service area)	1.73	
Total fixed costs for Transit X	\$16,878,788	
...per person	\$2,110	
Mode share of travel on Transit X	<u>72%</u>	
Distance traveled on Transit X, per year	20,952,500 km	13,013,975 mi
...per day	57,404 km	35,655 mi
Daily number of people riding Transit X	5,780 customers	
Distance per Transit X customer per day	<u>10</u> km	6.2 mi
Average trip distance	<u>3</u> km	2.1 miles
Cost for an average trip (at \$0.56 per km)	\$1.86	
Distance traveled during peak hour	5,740 km	3,565 mi
<b>Breakeven (customers per day)</b>	<b><u>1,255</u></b> customers	
Number of pods needed to meet peak demand	<b><u>50</u></b> pods	
Pod shed parking volume [in cubic 40' shipping containers (sc)]	<u>1</u> sc <sup>3</sup>	
Cost of pods	\$250,000	
Cost of pods per person	\$31	
Yearly payment from Transit X to municipality for air rights (5% of revenue)	\$589,289	
<b>System Economics</b>		
Total system cost (privately financed from Transit X)	\$17,128,788	
OPEX (O&M) per year	\$1,445,728	
Private equity	\$8,564,394	
Financed	\$8,564,394	
Gross Revenue from fares	\$11,785,781	
EBITA (Profit)	\$10,340,053	
Debt service	\$1,113,371	
OPEX + Debt service	\$2,559,100	
Net income	\$9,226,682	
Operating Margin	88%	
One-time project costs (per person)	<b><u>\$2,141</u></b>	
Operating costs (per passenger-mile)	<b><u>\$0.20</u></b>	
Equivalent number of cars taken off the road	<b><u>1,445</u></b> motor vehicles	
Yearly cost of cars removed (per person)	<b><u>\$1,626</u></b>	
Breakeven revenue distance per day	12,464 km	7,742 mi
<b>IRR (Internal rate of return)</b>	<b><u>54%</u></b>	
Payback period (profits pays back equity)	<b><u>10</u></b> months	
Network capacity (number of pods)	216 pods	
Peak demand as % of maximum track capacity	23%	
<b>Externalities (estimated)</b>		
Reduction in CO2 emissions	<b><u>2,482,871</u></b> kg CO <sub>2</sub>	
Public cost for maintaining roadways per year	<b><u>\$533,588</u></b>	
Reduced waste products per year	<b><u>135,469</u></b> kg	
Travel time saved (hours per person per year)	176	
Cost savings per household per year over personal car ownership	\$208	
Increase in household income from time saving and car costs	<b><u>5%</u></b>	
Reported injuries avoided per year	<b><u>13</u></b>	
Lives saved per year	<b><u>0</u></b>	
Land freed from less street parking and parking lots	TBD km <sup>2</sup>	
...and its value	TBD	

Health care cost savings from lower pollution  
 Change in local temperature heat island (degrees C)  
 Change in global temperature  
 Decrease in sea level

TBD  
 TBD °C  
 TBD °C  
 TBD mm

Assumptions	Value		
Ratio of road length to track length	2		
Convenient walk time to Transit X route	3 min.		
Walking speed	4.9 km/h (3 mph)		
Width of convenient swath along track	0.49 km (0 mi)		
Fixed cost for main route per km	\$3,100,000		
Fixed cost per km for branch	\$1,550,000		
Percentage of main route vs. all routes	50%		
Average cost of fixed infrastructure per km	\$2,325,000		
Distance traveled per person per year across all modes	14,500 km (9,006 mi)		
Mode share % of people convenient to Transit X	85%		
Percentage of daily travel during peak hour	10%		
Max capacity: number of pods per km of track	149 pods		
Max track capacity during peak hour as % of capacity	20%		
Average speed of pod	72 km/h		
Average # of trips for people riding Transit X	3 per day		
Occupancy per pod	2 people		
Maximum occupancy per pod	4 people		
Empty pods: Percentage non-revenue vehicle travel	25%		
Cost per pod	\$5,000		
Median household income	\$60,000		
Typical fare per km	\$0.56		
(per mile)	\$0.91		
O&M as % of project cost	5%		
O&M as % of gross revenue	5%		
Percentage debt financed	50%		
Length of loan/debt	20 years		
Interest rate for financing	8%		
kg CO2 emissions	2.37 per liter of gasoline		
Monetary value of 1 hour personal time	\$15		
Public roadway maintenance costs per year per km	\$51,000		
Infrastructure's footprint per km	5.78 m <sup>2</sup> (62 sf)		
Lease rate per m <sup>2</sup>	\$1,156		
Parking footprint for road vehicle	23 m <sup>2</sup> (247 sf)		
Cost of land per km <sup>2</sup>	\$100,000		
Fee for leasing air rights (percentage of gross revenue)	5%		

	Transit X	Car
Service life (years)	20	12
Full cost of vehicle per year	\$200	\$9,000
Public cost to maintain infrastructure (per km)	\$0	\$100,000
Energy Efficiency (MPGe)	1000	20
mass of CO2 per vehicle per km (kg)	0	0.1185
Vehicle mass (kg)	45	1950
Average speed of travel (km/h)	72	16
Average travel time (hours)	0.14	0.62
Fare per km	\$0.56	\$0.62
Number of deaths per 100M passenger-km	0.00001	1
Number of injuries per 100M passenger-km	0.0006	62
Volume to park (cubic meters)	5.7	70.9

Assumptions	Value		
% of HH income for 16km travel	15%		
Width of convenient swath for road	0.4 km		

Currency conversion

Currency name	
Equal to US\$1	1.