

Youth Voices Transit Discussion Fact Sheet

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5:00 - 7:00

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Description

The Youth Voices Transit Discussion aims to educate the public of the difficulties facing low-income members of the community who depend on a transit system that doesn't meet their basic needs. The event will provide information on the transit system and its shortcomings through a collection of student testimonials and influential speakers.

Key Questions

1. How does the current transit system disadvantage low-income community members?
2. How can the transit system be improved to meet the needs of the community?
3. How does the transit system impact youth?
4. How can the transit system be reformed?

Speakers

1. Lee Harris, Mayor of Shelby County
2. Suzanne Carlson, Creator of the Memphis 3.0 Transit Vision Plan
3. Dr. Elena Delavega, Professor of Social Work at the University of Memphis
4. Cynthia Bailey, Memphis Bus Riders' Union Co-Chair

Student Roles

Several students who utilize the transit system to access school have agreed to share their experiences at the event to amplify the underlying issues of the Memphis Area Transit Authority and the need for improved public transportation in Shelby County.

Expected Take-Aways

The Youth Voices Transit Discussion aims to answer the question of how the current transit system negatively impacts low-income communities, particularly students. The downfalls of MATA and possible solutions to its shortcomings will be discussed along with the experiences of youth that depend on public transportation.

Schedule

5:00	Introduction to the Youth Voices Transit Discussion and Stop Poverty With Policy
5:10	Speaker: Elena Delavega
5:20	Speaker: Suzanne Carlson
5:30	Speaker: Memphis Bus Riders' Union
5:40	Speaker: Lee Harris
5:50	Student Speaker Introductions
6:00	Student Testimonials
6:40	Public Remarks
6:55	Closing Remarks