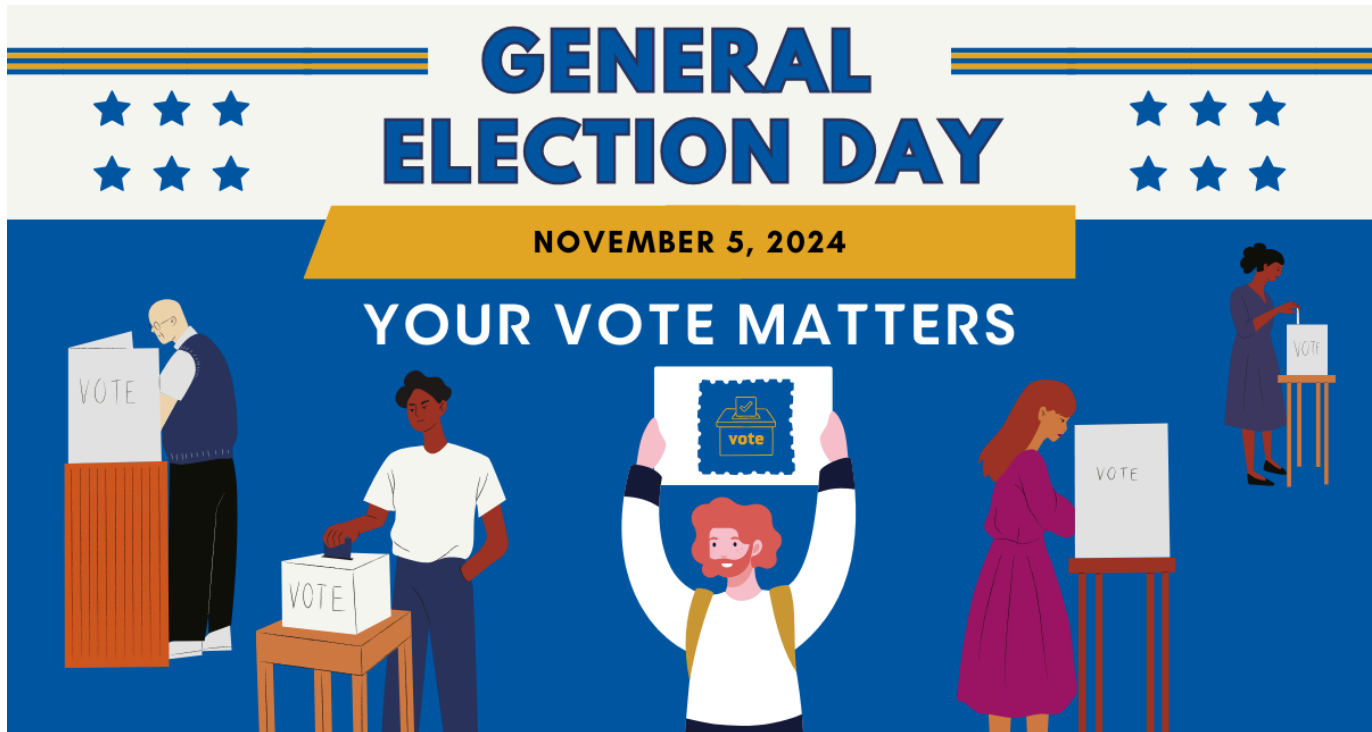


From the Bus Stop to the Ballot Box

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There is just one week before the November 5th general election. With only days left before ballots are counted and the next President of the United States is chosen by the people (and other critical [issues](#) are decided), have you planned how to get your vote in?

Although [many](#) may have already taken advantage of early vote-by-mail or early in-person voting, public transit remains a vital service that allows all to exercise their sacred right to vote—especially those who must or choose to vote in person.

Data from the American Public Transportation Association ([APTA](#)) shows that people across the U.S. board public transportation [34 million times](#) each weekday and millions of Americans rely on public trains, light rail, subways, ferries, and buses to commute to and from their daily activities. But November means transit can offer even more than a daily commute: many across the country also use transit to get to their local polling station or vote-by-mail drop box.

Using public transportation saves [money](#), is good for an individual's [health](#), and helps the [environment](#), and, importantly, transit providers reduce transportation insecurity and other obstacles many Americans face to exercising their fundamental right to vote.

Public transportation plays a crucial role in voting accessibility by providing a means for people to reach polling places, especially for [8.3](#) percent of Americans without private vehicles.

If we want to make the right to vote truly available to every single American, we need to expand public transit, improve accessibility, and reduce cost barriers.

As election day nears, make a plan to make your voice heard. If you haven't already voted, now is the time to ensure you have a plan in place to drop off your ballot or get to the polls. Public transit is a vital tool for empowering everyone to participate in the democracy upon which our nation was built.

Your vote is your voice. [Misinformation](#) is rampant online and via word of mouth, so do your [research](#), and fill in your ballot knowing that you are voting for the legislation and leaders who will uplift your community. So walk, ride, or drive but be sure to show up and take action. Your vote matters—make sure it gets in.

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