

SKIP THE PLANE – TAKE THE TRAIN

The Number One reason to choose train travel over flying is the 50% reduction in energy consumption, pollution and funding of petroleum warlords.

PEACE TRAIN TO DC



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A person flying round-trip from California to Washington DC will consume 150 gallons of petroleum. A person traveling by train will consume half as much at 75 gallons for the same round trip, with a corresponding reduction of climate changing pollution and funding of wars for oil.

Leaving the energy equation aside, here are more reasons to skip the plane and take the train.

Doubling effect of my support

When I take the train instead of flying my financial support is shifted causing a doubling effect. For each dollar not spent flying, one is spent on rail, thus achieving a \$2 impact for each \$1 I spend.

Demand increase - decrease and public investment

By creating demand for rail, while decreasing demand for air, public investment in infrastructure also shifts. Greater investment into rail will result in more reliable and higher quality service while simultaneously reducing the investment into infrastructure for air travel, thus reducing the quality of service for air travel and making rail more attractive.

Climate Change & Pollution

Climate change is caused by emissions from burning fossil fuels. Jets burn a crude form similar to kerosene in quantities so vast they are measured in tons rather than gallons. The emissions are deposited freely upon the neighborhoods below until sufficient altitude is reached to suspend them in the upper atmosphere, doubling the greenhouse effect that is causing global warming.

Political Support

Follow the money. Who benefits from increased consumption of fossil fuels?

The PEACE TRAIN to DC is populated with 'Leaders by Example' because the PEACE TRAIN to DC is a choice of economy and efficiency rather than the waste and pollution of jet air travel.

Average BTU consumed Per Passenger mile by mode of travel:

SUV: 4,121
Air: 3,890
Bus: 3,697
Car: 3,597
Train: 2,100

Source:

Bureau of Transportation Statistics – Table 4-20 www.bts.gov

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Capitol Limited and DC Schedule

All meetings held in the sightseer lounge car - times are APPROXIMATE!

Jan 25

7:05 PM Depart Chicago on Capitol Limited

9 PM - Mixer and announcements, selected readings, make banners and signs.

11 PM - Prayer Vigil

Jan 26

9 AM - Organizers Meeting

10 AM - Final meeting, announcements

Arrive Union Station DC 1:30 PM

Jan 27

Mandate for Peace March on DC – United for Peace & Justice - www.unitedforpeace.org

9am: Preparing Ourselves for Peace Work: An Interfaith Service
Lutheran Church of the Reformation, 212 East Capitol Street NE

11am-1pm: Assembly and Rally

National Mall, between 3rd and 7th streets

Jan 28

Lobby day training – Progressive Democrats of America - www.pdamerica.org

9 a.m. - 12 p.m.: Organizing meetings and strategy sessions on Palestine, defunding the war, G.I. resistance, student and youth organizing, Iran and more.

9 a.m. - 10 a.m. - PDA Meet and Greet: Join us in our hospitality suite. Mix and mingle with Tim Carpenter and the PDA staff, PDA Board members Mimi Kennedy, Rev. Lennox Yearwood, Steve Cobble, Jeff Cohen and others. Bagels and coffee will be served.

12:30 - 2:30: Legislative update, advocacy training, update on Iraq.

2:30 - 4:30: State and congressional district meetings (get together with activists from across your state to plan your lobby day meetings and to lay the groundwork for working together when you get back home).

LOCATION: Bethesda Chevy-Chase High School, 4301 East-West Highway, Bethesda, MD.

Convenient to the Bethesda Metro Station on the red line metro (www.wmata.com for public transportation options).

Jan 29 – United for Peace & Justice and Progressive Democrats of America and CodePink

Grassroots Congressional Education Day – meet your rep in congress

Jan 30

4:05 PM Depart Union Station DC on Capitol Limited

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