

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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Central West Coast Schedule

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

Jan 23

10 AM - Gather at Sacramento Amtrak station

11 - 3 - Boarding, lunch

3 PM - WELCOME MEETING - 1 hour

9 PM - Mixer and announcements

11 PM - Prayer Vigil

Jan 24

9 AM - OPEN

3 PM - Presentation - a vision for an integrated renewable resource system based on fiber crops such as hemp and kenaf. Q&A topics biofuels, climate change, renewable energy and conservation.

9 PM - OPEN

11 PM - Prayer Vigil

Jan 25

9 AM - OPEN

3 PM - Arrive Chicago - Pizza in the windy city, dress warm! (Time permitting)

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