

## Say goodbye to all the hassle!

Without a car, you save money and never have to worry about:

- Rising gas and insurance prices or expensive car repairs
- Finding a parking space
- Washing, waxing, vacuuming, replacing oil, trips to the gas station, digging your car out of the snow
- Parking meters, parking tickets
- Scary and expensive parking garages
- Buying and renewing tags, car inspections
- Replacing tires, batteries, wipers, antifreeze
- Who's going to hit it, or steal it!

## Say hello to the benefits!

Every time you choose not to drive, you enjoy the benefits:

- Meet the neighbors
- Get more exercise
- Reduce our dependency on foreign oil
- Make our air cleaner
- Make our city safer, healthier and friendlier
- Make our city quieter and more relaxing
- Make living in our city more enjoyable

## So go ahead. Explore the alternatives.

Transportation is both a personal and a political decision. Try to reduce your personal impact on the environment. And support policies and candidates who work to conserve natural resources.

Do you have transportation needs that are not being addressed?  
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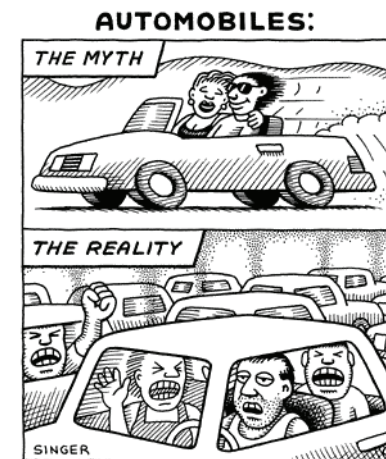
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# With gas prices through the roof ...

## How much does your car really cost?



## Is it worth it?

## Joe needs to get to work!

Gas, insurance, parking and more. Owning a car is getting more expensive every year. Philly Joe uses his car to get to work. But the price of gas has got him thinking.

Do what Joe did. Take these quick and easy steps and see how you stand. Compare your costs with Joe's!

**Step 1.** Jot down what you paid for the car: \$ . . . . .  
(Joe is putting down \$15,000.)

**Step 2.** Subtract what you expect to get for the car if you sell it in 5 years (Joe is hoping for \$3,000!) and enter the result ► = \$ . . . . .

**Step 3.** Divide the remainder by 5. That's your adjusted purchase price. Enter it on line 1 below. (Joe enters \$2,400.)

**Step 4.** Now just jot down your other annual costs in this handy table. (You can see the figures Joe entered on the left.)

	Annual car costs	Joe's costs*	My costs
1.	Adjusted purchase price	2,400	
2.	Insurance	2,900	
3.	Maintenance & repairs etc.	1,100	
4.	Gas	650	
5.	Miscellaneous**	510	
6.	Annual total (add lines 1-5)	<b>7,560</b>	

**Step 5.** Finally, divide your total (line 6) by 52 to get your *weekly* costs: \$ . . . . .  
(Joe's figure is \$145.)

\* Figures based in part on published AAA findings.

\*\* This includes items such as parking, automobile club membership, auto tags, PA safety & emissions inspection, residential parking permit.

## That's a lot of money!

Joe didn't realize how expensive it was to have a car was until he did the math. So now he's asking himself: can I use all this money a better way? Can Joe have a life without a car? Not everyone can, but Joe decided it was the best choice for him. And it might be the right choice for you, too!

Joe's weekly car costs are now his *weekly savings*. Same thing goes for you. How can you use that money to get to work and do everything else you need to do? Joe takes the \$145 and buys two weekly SEPTA TransPasses (@ \$18.75) so he and his wife can get to their jobs. And they have enough left over (\$107.50) each week for cab fares if necessary.\* Or they just use the money to pay off bills. Or go out to eat. Or buy something nice for the kids.

## How do I get around without my own car?

In Philadelphia we have lots of great options:

- Ride public transportation (trolleys, subway, buses, etc.)
- More and more Philadelphians are biking to work, to school and to do their shopping\*\*
- Use Philly CarShare by the hour (see below)
- Rent a car if needed for a whole day or weekend
- Grab a cab for the short, last-minute stuff or for heavy loads\*

## Check out the alternatives yourself -

**Philadelphia Bicycle Coalition regional map.** ☎ 215.BICYCLE  
[www.bicyclecoalition.org/map](http://www.bicyclecoalition.org/map)

**SEPTA Trip Planner.** Click on "Plan My Trip." ☎ 215.580.7800  
[www.septa.org](http://www.septa.org)

**TransitChek benefits.** Talk to your employer about this commuter benefit program. ☎ 215.238.2865  
[www.dvrpc.org/transportation/commuter/transitchek.htm](http://www.dvrpc.org/transportation/commuter/transitchek.htm)

**Philly CarShare.** Use a car by the hour. ☎ 215.730.0988  
[www.phillycarshare.org](http://www.phillycarshare.org)

\* An average taxi ride in Philly (distance 2.5 miles) costs \$8.75.

\*\* A new \$300 bicycle, including \$80 for maintenance each year, costs only \$1.92 per week over an expected life of 15 years.