

Like the keystone in an arch, rail is the anchor for a healthy inter-modal transportation system. For instance, commuter and light rail systems have been shown to increase bus and bicycle use, as well as walking. Rail solves the problems brought on by increasing congestion and over-reliance on the automobile.

- Rail has . . .
 - low fuel consumption per ton/mile or passenger/mile.
 - a small “footprint” on the land compared to other major modes.
 - a smoother, faster, less stressful ride.
 - a very low injury and fatality rate.
- Rail promotes . . .
 - more efficient and sustainable use of materials, such as steel wheels versus rubber tires.
 - renewal of old buildings and neighborhoods – even toxic waste sites.
 - financial savings for the public compared to automobile expenses.
- Rail is . . .
 - compatible with other modes of transit, including bicycles, foot power, wheelchairs, buses, and shuttles.
 - compatible with smart growth.
 - compliant with environmental and traffic laws.
 - much quicker and cheaper to put back in service after a man-made or natural disaster.
 - readily adaptable to solar, wind and other renewable energy sources.

[The keystone is missing and the arch is crumbling.](#)
[New Mexico is one of the few states which show no](#)
[real progress toward a modern passenger rail system.](#)

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