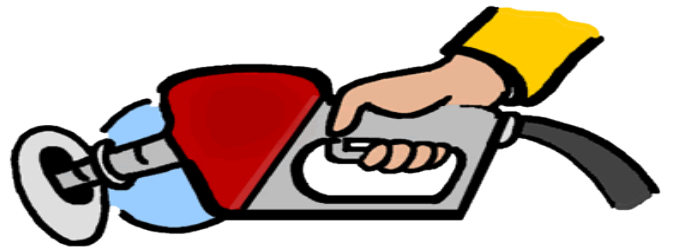


**Allow Private
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In 2016, the average family spent over 17% of their budget on transportation expenses. Those **costs fall even more heavily on the poor, who are more likely to travel farther to work, live far from transit centers, or work irregular hours, making transit less accessible.**

In the early 1900's there were private taxi bus services called Jitneys that charged a nickel and competed with streetcars for business. But, over the next several decades, most places had outlawed Jitneys to reduce competition.

Public transit companies now hold a monopoly on transit.

When allowed, private bus services like Jitneys are becoming profitable in many large cities that are struggling to keep up with the transit needs of a growing population. They also have managed to do so while both **keeping their costs lower and providing a faster service than public transit.**

Because private Jitneys are more adaptable, they are able to immediately **increase the number of buses at times of peak demand or provide extra transport for special events and sports games.**

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