

GRADING CALIFORNIA'S RAIL

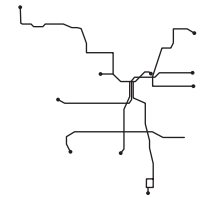


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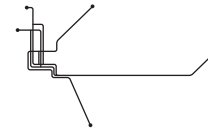
TRANSIT STATION AREAS

How well do California's rail transit station areas encourage transit ridership, connect to amenities, and create walkable, equitable, and thriving locales?

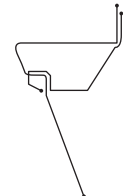
Based on factors like these, authors at the University of California, Berkeley School of Law (CLEE) published new research that grades 489 total neighborhoods within 1/2-mile radius of the rail transit stations in:



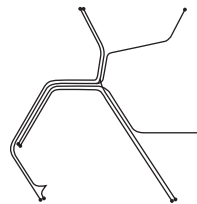
Los Angeles County Metro Rail (METRO)



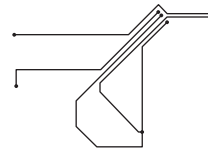
Sacramento Regional Transit (RT)



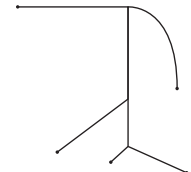
San Diego Metropolitan Transit System (MTS)



San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART)



San Francisco Municipal Railway (MUNI)



Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA)

Why grade these neighborhoods?

The most effective rail systems with the highest ridership serve significant concentrations of jobs, retail, services, and housing around the stations and along the corridors they travel, particularly those within one-half mile of the station.

Grades are assigned based on percentage rankings, graded on a statewide curve within three place types.

A+ > 95%	B+ > 70%	C+ > 45%
A > 80%	B > 55%	C > 30%
A- > 75%	B- > 50%	C- > 25%
D+ > 20%	F > 0%	
D > 5%		
D- > 2%		

How the Scoring Works:

Grades are determined by dividing rail transit stations based on three place types (residential, mixed, and employment), based on their performance on eleven key indicators, such as the percentage of residents and workers who use transit, the sum of jobs and households per acre, and the walkability of the area as determined by Walk Score.®

Best and Worst Performing Stations Per Region

AGENCY	AVERAGE GRADE	BEST STATION	WORST STATION
SF MUNI	B	Market St & Church St	Third St & Marin
		Market St & 7th St	46th Ave and Vicente St
		Market St & New Montgomery St	
BART	B-	24th St. Mission	SFO Airport
		Civic Center/UN Plaza	South San Francisco
		Montgomery St.	North Concord / Martinez
LA Metro Rail	C	Westlake/MacArthur Park	Wardlow Station
		Wilshire / Vermont	Del Amo Willow
Sacramento RT	C	7th St and K St	Longview Dr and I-80 Fruitridge Rd
			Roseville Road and I-80
San Diego MTS	C-	12th & Imperial Transit Center	Massachusetts Ave Station Gillespie Field Station
			Fenton Parkway Station
Santa Clara VTA	C-	Japantown/Ayer Station	Middlefield Station

Residential Mixed Employment

