

#### Transportation Trades Department, AFL-CIO A bold voice for transportation workers



## Mitt Romney and Paul Ryan are Proud to be Anti-Union

•"I support...Gov. Kasich's effort to restrict collective bargaining in Ohio."

[Cincinnati Enquirer 10/26/11]

•"I've taken on union bosses before. I'm happy to take them on again."

[The Detroit News 2/16/12]

•"I would use the bully pulpit...to encourage more states to adopt right-to-work laws."

[Romney op-ed, Greenville News 9/24/11]

•"We demand an end to Project Labor Agreements; and we call for repeal of the Davis-Bacon Act, which costs the taxpayers billions of dollars annually in artificially high wages on government projects."

[GOP Party Platform 2012, p. 8]

## And we Know the Romney/Ryan Team Will:

•Raise taxes on the middle class by \$2,000 to pay for an average \$187,000 in annual tax cuts for millionaires

["Paul Ryan's hidden middle-class tax hike," Michael Linden, Center for American Progress, 4/5/11]

•End Medicare, costing families thousands of dollars in additional premiums while lowering the quality of care

["Ryan's budget would undermine economic security for millions," Economic Policy Institute, 4/7/11]

•Create 800,000 jobs overseas by giving private companies tax breaks to outsource

["Romney's Bain Capital invested in companies that moved jobs overseas," The Washington Post, 6/21/12]

•Cost the economy 4.1 million jobs in the next three years under their so-called economic plan

["Ryan's budget cuts would cost jobs, Ethan Pollack, EPI.org, 3/21/12]

#### But What You Might Not Know is the Romney/Ryan Team Would Decimate our Nation's Transportation System and its Workforce

• Slash federal transportation funding by 46%

[The House Committee on the Budget, Democratic Amendments to the Republican 2013 Budget Resolution (March 23, 2012) at 4.]

• Cut at least **half a million** transportation jobs in their first year in office

[Center for American Progress, New Ryan Budget Disinvests in America, 3/20/12 http://www.americanprogress.org/issues/budget/news/2012/03/20/11340/new-ryan-budget-disinvests-in-america/]

•What they can't cut or slash they will outsource or send offshore

[Your Tax Dollars At Work...Offshore, WashTech, 07/2004]

#### Romney's Bain Capital Busted Transportation Union Organizing Drive

- Key Airlines, controlled by Bain Capitol, ran an illegal anti-union campaign when pilots tried to organize over safety issues
- •Legal documents show Mitt Romney was a director and shareholder of the airline
- •A federal judge was even disgusted with Key's antiunion activities, calling them "blatant, grievous, willful, deliberate and repeated violations of the Railway Labor Act."
- •Two months after squashing the organizing drive, Bain sold Key Airlines for a large profit

#### At Bain Capital, Romney lined his pockets as he destroyed thousands of jobs for hardworking Americans



#### Governor Romney's Tragic Legacy



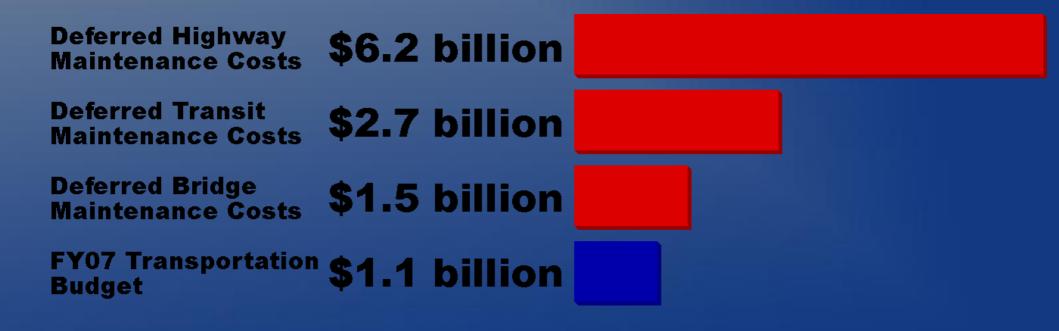
"When Romney left the governorship, the state was a wreck-rusting bridges, potholed roads, a great transit system that had serious financial problems he refused to fix, and a pathetic inability to get anything done."

-MA Gov. Mike Dukakis, Transportation Nation, 8/20/12

#### Deferrer in Chief

Governor Romney deferred **\$10.4 billion in transportation maintenance costs**...thought \$1.1 billion would cover it

[Pioneer Institute, "Our Legacy of Neglect: The Longfellow Bridge and the Cost of Deferred Maintenance," July 2007]



#### Assaults on Public Sector Workers

#### As governor of Massachusetts Romney:

Vetoed a bill banning foreign outsourcing

[Your Tax Dollars At Work...Offshore, WashTech, 07/2004]

•Sent \$7.1 million worth of public sector jobs to India

[Boston Globe 5/1/12, Commonwealth's Human Resources Division 2004]

•Gambled with their pensions

[Press Associates, Inc. 8/31/12]

•Supported state bills to strip collective bargaining rights

[Press Associates, Inc. 8/31/12]



## "He hates us."

Robert McCarthy,
President
Professional Firefighters of Massachusetts

# And he's picked a running mate who agrees with him

[Romney has publicly stated his endorsement of the Ryan Budget http://thinkprogress.org/election/2012/08/11/677861/romney-ryan-buget/]

- •Votes to slash or zero out federal transportation: 15
- Votes to outsource American jobs:
- •Votes against workers' rights: 19



#### Now, let's pull back the curtain Ryan Voted:

•To abolish fair union election rules for rail and aviation workers

[http://clerk.house.gov/evs/2011/roll217.xml]

- •Against Buy America laws for transportation projects [http://clerk.house.gov/evs/2012/roll293.xml]
- •To ban FAA union representatives from using "official time" to represent members

[http://clerk.house.gov/evs/2011/roll212.xml]

- •Against fair collective bargaining rights for FAA workers [http://clerk.house.gov/evs/2011/roll413.xml]
- •9 times to eliminate or cut funding specifically for Amtrak [http://clerk.house.gov/evs/2011/roll079.xml]
- •To privatize our Air Traffic Control system

[http://clerk.house.gov/evs/2003/roll351.xml]

#### ...Ryan Voted:

- •To allow foreign companies to take over U.S. Airlines
  [http://clerk.house.gov/evs/2006/roll283.xml]
- •To gut flight attendant security training

  [http://clerk.house.gov/evs/2003/roll592.xml]
- •To zero out security funding for bus companies such as Greyhound

[http://clerk.house.gov/evs/2007/roll197]

•Against security checks on foreign-based mechanics who repair U.S. aircraft

[http://clerk.house.gov/evs/2011/roll209.xml]

Against firefighter funding to prevent layoffs

[http://clerk.house.gov/evs/2011/roll393.xml]

#### What Romney/Ryan Would Do

Eliminate and privatize Amtrak

[Mittromney.com/blogs, 9/29/11]

•Raise retirement age for workers under the Railroad Retirement system and kill their occupational disability

[Ryan Budget House Report 112-421, p. 101]

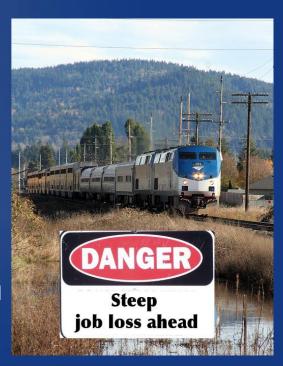
•Appoint anti-worker members to the National Mediation Board and National Labor Relations Board

[Huffington Post, "Mitt Romney: Obama 'Takes Marching Orders From Union Bosses" 5/8/12]

- •Privatize public services including "government transit" [The GOP Party Platform 2012, p. 5]
- Cut aviation funding by \$7.3 billion

[Congressional Quarterly: "Conference Summary No. 112-1: November 15, 2011 -- Minibus Appropriations Package (HR 2112)." *Transportation-HUD*.]

- •Repeal Davis-Bacon and project labor agreements [The GOP Party Platform 2012, p.8]
- •Roll back worker safety protections [The GOP Party Platform 2012, p. 23]
- Downsize and privatize the U.S. Postal Service [The GOP Party Platform 2012, p. 25]



### Maybe someone should tell Mr. Romney that an economy where the trains never come and the roads are all closed





Is an economy that's going NOWHERE fast.....



# Fortunately, President Obama knows that a strong transportation system is the foundation of a strong economy

"I have announced a new plan for rebuilding and modernizing America's roads and rails and runways for the long-term. I want America to have the best infrastructure in the world. We used to have the best infrastructure in the world, and we can have it again. We can make it happen."

[President Obama Milwaukee speech, 9/8/2010]

#### The Obama Record

Passed the single biggest transportation stimulus package in history – creating 2.5 million jobs to put America back to work [ARRA, 2/17/09]

#### \$48 billion in new transportation projects:

- •\$27.5 billion for highways
- •\$8.4 billion for transit
- •\$8 billion for high-speed rail
- •\$1.3 billion for rail to states and Amtrak
- •\$1.3 billion for aviation improvements
- •\$350 million in grants to support 25 port infrastructure projects

But Romney thinks the Stimulus didn't work....









#### ...Furthermore, Obama



•Fought Republican proposals to gut the mass transit account

[Fed.Reg. p.45510, 9/12/09]

- Abolished Bush-era transit privatization policies ["Rogoff Slams House Transportation Bill," Transportation, 2/8/12]
- •Finalized new pilot fatigue rules [FAA Final Rule Docket No. FAA-2009-1093, 12/21/11]
- •Cracked-down on unsafe, low-wage bus companies [DOT Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration action FMCSA 14-12, 5/31/12]
- •Supported cargo preference laws and the Jones Act [Maritime Administration letter to House of Representatives, 3/9/12]

# Obama: Defender and Promoter of Workers' Rights

- •Strengthened the right to organize for airline and rail workers [Obama SAP, H.R.658, 3/20/12]
- •Endorsed Employee Free Choice Act
  [Annual Report of the White House Task Force on the Middle Class, Feb. 2010]
- •Settled Bush-era air traffic controller bargaining dispute and restored FAA worker bargaining rights

  [FAA press release, 8/13/09]
- •Granted TSA screeners the right to collectively bargain [TSA Admin. John Pistole, Determination Memorandum, 2/4/11]
- •Negotiated first-ever labor rights article into the aviation pact with the European Union [DOT, Office of Public Affairs release, 3/25/10]
- •Included Section 13(c) transit labor protections and Davis-Bacon in all transportation investments

[Obama Message to Congress, House Document 112-53, 9/13/11]

## If not blocked by Paul Ryan and his GOP friends, President Obama would have:

Invested \$60 billion in transportation infrastructure, creating an estimated 2 million jobs, including:

[White House Fact Sheet: The American Jobs Act, 9/8/11], WhiteHouse.gov/the-press-office/2011/09/08/fact-sheet-american-jobs-act]

- •\$3 billion for airports and ATC improvements
- •\$6 billion for Amtrak and high-speed rail
- •\$27 billion for highway infrastructure improvements
- •\$9 billion for transit investments (offering urgently needed operating assistance flexibility)
- •\$10 billion for the creation of an infrastructure bank
- •\$5 billion in grants and loan guarantees for ports, bridges and highways







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