

# Public transit would benefit New Haven businesses

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As businesses move and grow in New Haven in northeastern Indiana, they want to know they'll find qualified, skilled employees. That's getting more difficult, however, and New Haven needs an improved public transportation system, says Ron Steinman, a New Haven business owner and member of the city council.

He's also on the board of Fort Wayne Citilink, the public transportation service for the greater Fort Wayne area. While Citilink has been successful, Steinman sees so many more opportunities for growth, especially to connect to areas, such as New Haven, where some routes only run every 90 minutes, which isn't always conducive to workers' hours.

"If we had more funding, we could add another route," Steinman said. "We have two or three different industries on the east side of Fort Wayne. If the bus route went there, we would gain riders."

New Haven has seen a surge in downtown development, and it is drawing people to that area, but Steinman believes public transportation will be essential for keeping downtown revitalization on track.

"The trend for public transit is coming into its time with this next generation who are more public transportation oriented. You see it in different cities, and it just has to happen," Steinman said. "We can't depend on everyone having a car. It just doesn't work anymore."

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