## PLAN

**The United States federal government should increase its infrastructure investments by increasing the number of public buses in operation by 50 percent and replacing the entire fleet over the next five years focusing on improving the energy efficiency and quality of the operating bus fleet**

## ADVANTAGE 1 – IS THE ECONOMY

### **SCENARIO 1 – FINANCIAL SPECULATION**

#### **The current economic viability of the manufacturing sector is grim. As the manufacturing sector is being hollowed out we are building an economy based on the risks of Wall Street speculation**

Elk 10 Mike Elk is a third-generation union organizer and journalist whose work appears frequently in In These Times. He previously worked for Campaign for America's Future and the United Electrical, Radio, and Machine Workers (UE). AlterNet, 8-26, http://www.alternet.org/story/147957/despite\_fresh\_rhetoric\_about\_saving\_u.s.\_manufacturing%2C\_obama\_is\_quietly\_pushing\_failed\_bush\_trade\_policies

#### **Hurricane Katrina is proof that we shouldn’t trust the market to be responsible for public infrastructure. Government investment into public infrastructure creates FASTER growth and crowds investments away from the hyper-speculation responsible for the crash of Wall Street.**

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#### **Speculation will force up commodity prices and derail the economic recovery**

Habibi 9, Henry J. Leir professor of the Economics of the Middle East at the Crown Center for Middle East Studies of Brandeis University,

[Nader, “Shield the Commodity Markets against Excessive Speculation”, http://mrzine.monthlyreview.org/2009/habibi120509.html, 12-5]

#### **The plan is critical to create growth engines not driven by financial bubbles. Increasing public buses by 50% over the next five years is a powerful source of job creation, it incentivizes the use of public transportation, reduces the consumption of fossil fuels, boosts the auto industry and solves quick**

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### **SCENARIO 2 – THE AUTO-INDUSTRY**

**Expanding public busing is critical to saving the auto industry**

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**And, the auto industry is key to the economy**

Ford 8, Exec Chair Ford Motor Company, Bill, ““Why manufacturing still matters” , 9-24-‘8

**Expanding public transportation creates growth across all industries – government spending attracts private investment**

Feldman 99 Jonathan Michael, associate professor in the department of economic history at Stockholm University, American Prospect, 3-22, http://prospect.org/article/mass-transit-new-manufacturing

### **SCENARIO 3 - ECONOMIC LEADERSHIP**

**France, Germany, Spain, and China are aggressively investing in public transit. US economic leadership is declining**

Fitzgerald, et al 10

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**US economic leadership is key to multilateralism and the global economy – decline results in a power vacuum and global war**

Posen 09 (deputy director and senior fellow of the Peterson Institute for International Economics Adam, “Economic leadership beyond the crisis,” http://clients.squareeye.com/uploads/foresight/documents/PN%20USA\_FINAL\_LR\_1.pdf)

**US economic leadership is key to hegemony and worldwide conflict deterrence**

DUNN 5, Institute for Research on World-Systems, UC-Riverside,

(Christopher Chase, journal of world-systems research, xi, 2, december)

**Economic collapse causes multiple scenarios for nuclear war**

**Burrows and Harris 9 -** [Mathew J. Burrows is a counselor in the National Intelligence Council (NIC), the principal drafter of Global Trends 2025: A Transformed World, Jennifer Harris is a member of the NIC’s Long Range Analysis Unit, “Revisiting the Future: Geopolitical Effects of the Financial Crisis”, The Washington Quarterly, April, http://www.ciaonet.org/journals/twq/v32i2/f\_0016178\_13952.pdf]

## ADVANTAGE 2 IS CLIMATE

**Global warming is real and anthropogenic – aggregations of data prove**

**Prothero 12** [Donald, PhD, was Professor of Geology at Occidental College in Los Angeles, and Lecturer in Geobiology at the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena. He earned M.A., M.Phil., and Ph.D. degrees in geological sciences from Columbia University in 1982, and a B.A. in geology and biology (highest honors, Phi Beta Kappa) from the University of California, Riverside, “How We Know Global Warming is Real and Human Caused”, February 8th, http://www.skeptic.com/eskeptic/12-02-08/#feature]

**The plan shifts the auto industry away from cars and creates a model of federal investment to support renewable energy**

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**Greater public transportation greatly reduces carbon emissions**

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**Public transportation solves global warming**

Paine 9Carli is the transportation program director for TransForm. TransForm (formerly the Transportation and Land Use Coalition) works for world-class transportation and walkable communities in the Bay Area and beyond. NEW AMERICAN MEDIA, 1-19, http://news.newamericamedia.org/news/view\_article.html?article\_id=c8e0e1762f7f96230c834a3dd4f73a21

**Public transportation is the MOST effective strategy for combatting global warming**

Shapiro 2Robert J., Kevin A. Hassett and Frank S. Arnold; July

Dr. Robert J. Shapiro: non-resident Fellow of the Brookings Institution and the Progressive Policy Institute and Economic Counselor to the U.S. Conference Board, and Under Secretary of Commerce for Economic Affairs; Dr. Kevin A. Hassett: Resident Scholar of the American Enterprise Institute; Dr. Frank S. Arnold: President of Applied Microeconomics, Inc. columnist for The Environmental Forum. “Conserving Energy and Preserving the Environment: The Role of Public Transportation” http://www.apta.com/research/info/online/documents/shapiro.pdf

**The US holds the largest share of the energy market – US action to reduce emissions spills over internationally**

**Roberts 5** [Paul Roberts, Harper’s Magazine, Finalist for the National Magazine Award, 2005, The End of Oil: A Perilous New World, p.14-5]

**Runaway warming causes extinction**

**Deibel 7** (Terry L. Professor of IR @ National War College, 2007. “Foreign Affairs Strategy: Logic for American Statecraft”, Conclusion: American Foreign Affairs Strategy Today)

## CONTENTION 2: SOLVENCY

**Building political will is necessary to solve our advantages**

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**Developing an effective political movement is critical to revamping industrial policy**

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