Step 1:

A list of **station names**:

* 14 St
* Anacostia
* Aurora Metro Center
* Branham
* Chamblee
* Civic Center
* Colfax
* Curtner
* Drexmore
* Harvard
* L'Enfant Plaza
* Leeland / Third Ward
* Palm Center Transit Center
* Park St
* South Woodland
* York St

And a list of **cities**:

* Toledo
* Raleigh
* Atlanta
* New York
* San Diego
* Austin
* Cleveland
* Tampa

The first letters of those cities spell:  
**T-R-A-N-S-A-C-T**

Step 2:

**Match station names to cities**

Let’s look at which stations go with which cities based on known transit systems:

1. **Anacostia** — Washington, DC (WMATA Metro)
2. **Aurora Metro Center** — Denver Metro (Aurora is a suburb of Denver)
3. **Branham** — San Jose (VTA Light Rail)
4. **Chamblee** — Atlanta (MARTA)
5. **Civic Center** — Multiple, but strongly associated with San Francisco or LA
6. **Colfax** — Common name, but often seen in Denver
7. **Curtner** — San Jose (VTA Light Rail)
8. **Drexmore** — Cleveland (Shaker Heights RTA)
9. **Harvard** — Cleveland (Red Line RTA station)
10. **L’Enfant Plaza** — Washington, DC
11. **Leeland / Third Ward** — Houston (METRORail)
12. **Palm Center Transit Center** — Houston (METRORail Purple Line)
13. **Park St** — Boston (MBTA)
14. **South Woodland** — Cleveland (Shaker Heights RTA)
15. **York St** — New York (MTA Subway; York St on F line)
16. **14 St** — New York (many lines stop at 14th Street)

**Step 3:**

**The key idea**

It seems the puzzle is trying to map the **stations** to **cities** whose initials spell **"TRANSACT"**.

That is:

* **T** – Palm Center **Transit Center** → *Toledo*
* **R** – Possibly **River**, or a Raleigh-related station if present
* **A** – **Anacostia**, **Aurora Metro Center**, **Atlanta (Chamblee)**
* **N** – **New York** (14 St, York St)
* **S** – **South Woodland** → *maybe San Diego*
* **A** – Again, maybe **Aurora** or **Anacostia**
* **C** – **Curtner**, **Colfax**, or **Civic Center** → Cleveland?
* **T** – **Third Ward** (Leeland/Third Ward) or **Transit Center**

| **Letter** | **Station** | **City** |
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| T | Palm Center **Transit Center** | Toledo |

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| R | **River** (inferred, or Raleigh) | Raleigh |

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| A | **Anacostia** | DC → A |

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| N | **York St** or **14 St** | NY |

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| S | **South Woodland** | San Diego? |

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| A | **Aurora Metro Center** | Aurora / Austin |

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| C | **Civic Center** | Cleveland (or Chicago) |

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| T | **Third Ward** | Tampa (via "T") |