Clevelanders for Public Transit has published a new report on solving the problems with public transit in Greater Cleveland. Read the full report at clefortransit.org/deathspiral

Key takeaways from Ending the Transit Death Spiral:

1. Higher fares + service cuts = fewer riders – in a vicious circle
   Between 2006 and 2019, GCRTA fares doubled, service was cut 25%, and ridership dropped in half. This feedback loop is the transit death spiral.

2. Cleveland needs great public transit to succeed in the 21st century.
   We need a transportation system that is safe, sustainable, affordable, and accessible to everyone. Public transit is the future.

3. More public transit = more jobs and a better economy.
   Cleveland depends on workers who use public transit. But 60% of jobs in Cuyahoga County are currently not accessible by transit.

4. Public transit urgently needs more funding.
   State and Federal governments must fund public transit more and highways less. But we must immediately increase local funding for transit.

5. Fare enforcement by armed police is unconstitutional.
   Using armed police for onboard fare enforcement was ruled unconstitutional in 2017, yet GCRTA still has a fare enforcement unit with 30 police officers.

6. We need civilian transit ambassadors for riders' safety.
   Friendly civilian transit ambassadors keep riders safe, can check fares, cost less than transit officers, and will make trips faster and more reliable.

7. Decriminalize fare evasion now!
   Under current laws, failure to pay a $2.50 transit fare can land you in jail for 30 days. CPT demands that fare evasion be treated like a parking ticket.