The values of dedicated right of way

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Transit operating environments

- Mixed traffic
  - Share roadways with other traffic
  - Subject to the same delays as other traffic
  - 98+% of directional route miles in North America
- Semi-exclusive ROW
  - Partially dedicated for transit use
    - Certain times of a day
    - Right turning traffic, pedestrians and bicyclists
    - HOV/HOT lanes used by buses

Transit operating environments

- Exclusive ROW
  - Dedicated for transit use
  - At-grade crossing
    - Subjective to delays from traffic control
  - Marq2 & LRT
- Grade separation
  - Dedicated for transit use
  - No at-grade crossing

- Dedicated ROW
  - Exclusive ROW
  - Grade separation

Benefits of dedicated ROW

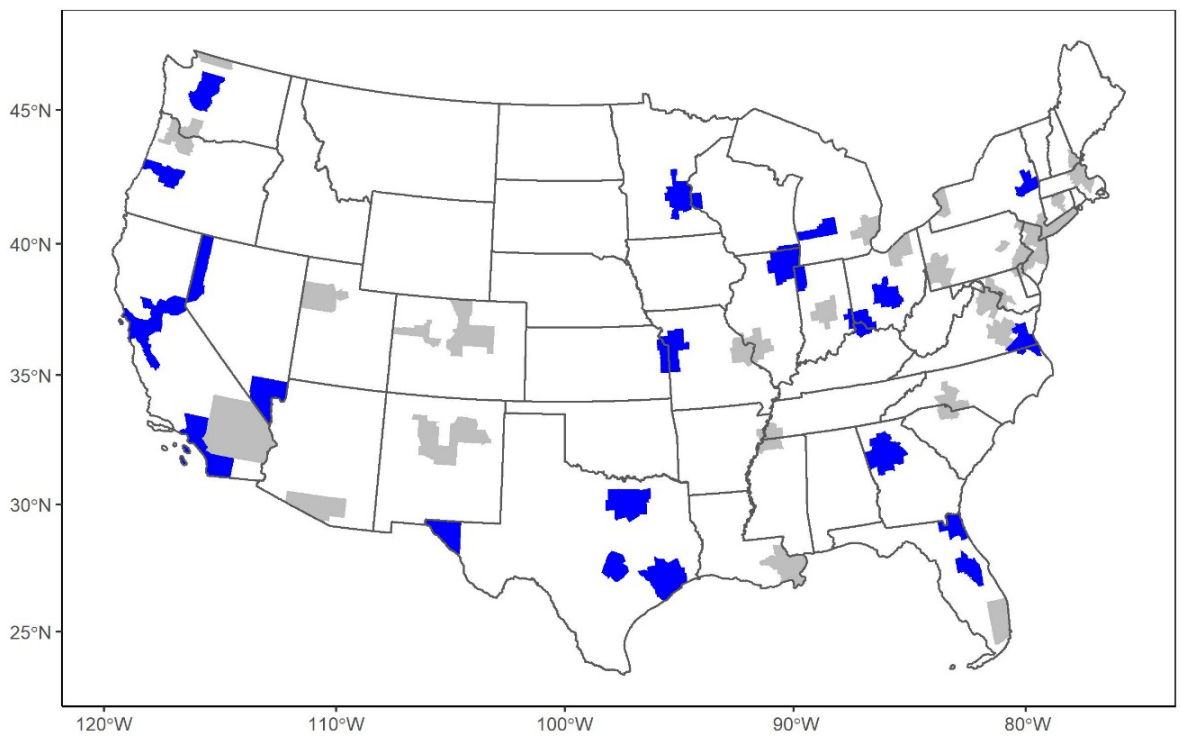
- Speed and travel time savings
  - Reduce running time loss due to traffic blockage
- Reliability
  - Not subject to traffic volume and congestion
- Capacity
  - Vehicle capacity and people capacity
- Economic development
  - Permanency
  - Transit advantages can be capitalized into land values.

Costs of dedicated ROW

- High construction costs
- Take road spaces
  - For other traffic
  - Loss of on street parking
  - Loss of vegetation
- Low volume
  - Visible
  - Push back

Ridership impacts

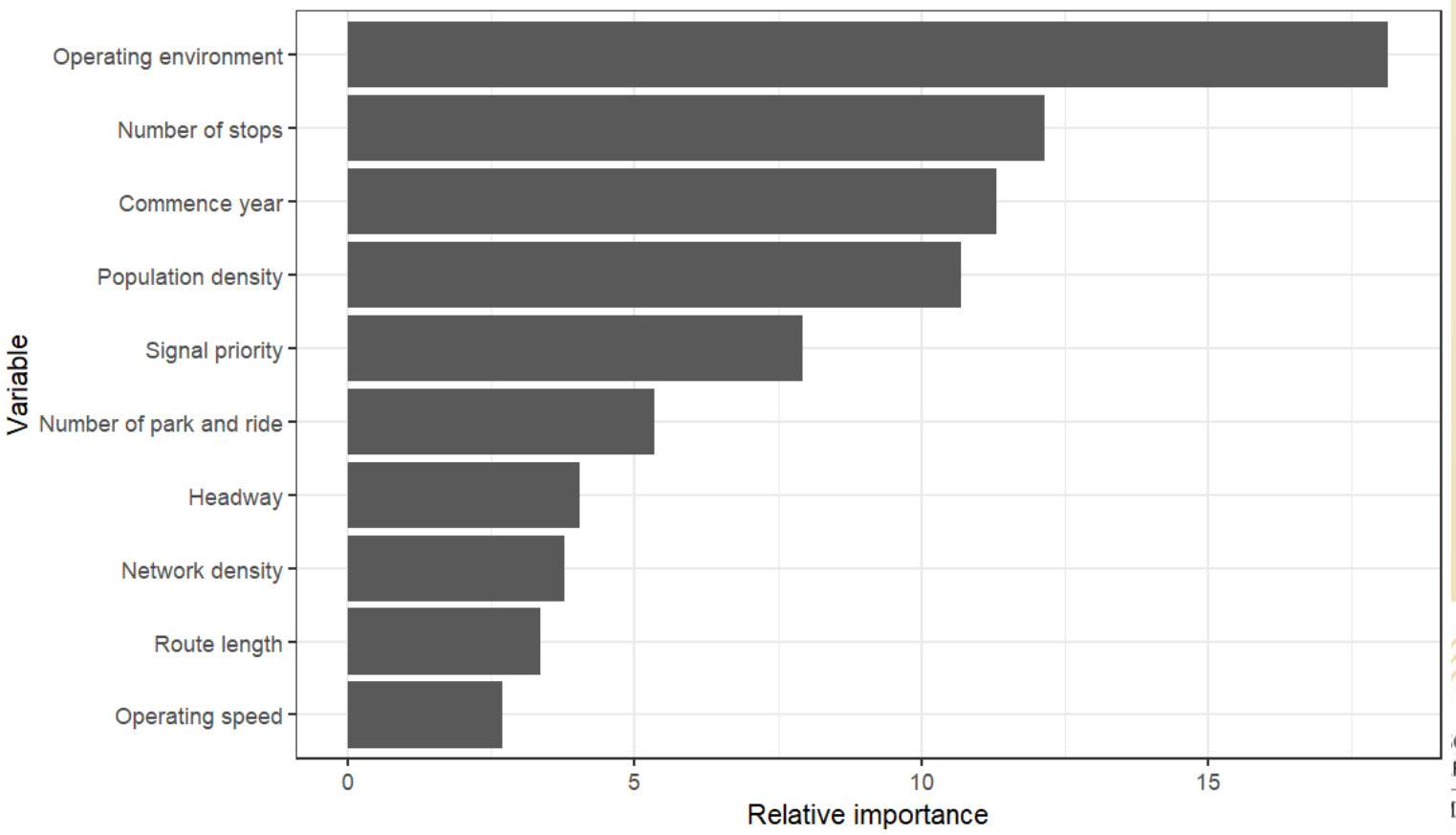
- 78 transit routes served by 31 transit agencies
  - 20 LRT or streetcar
  - 58 BRT or bus transit sharing some features with BRT



Locations of the transit routes

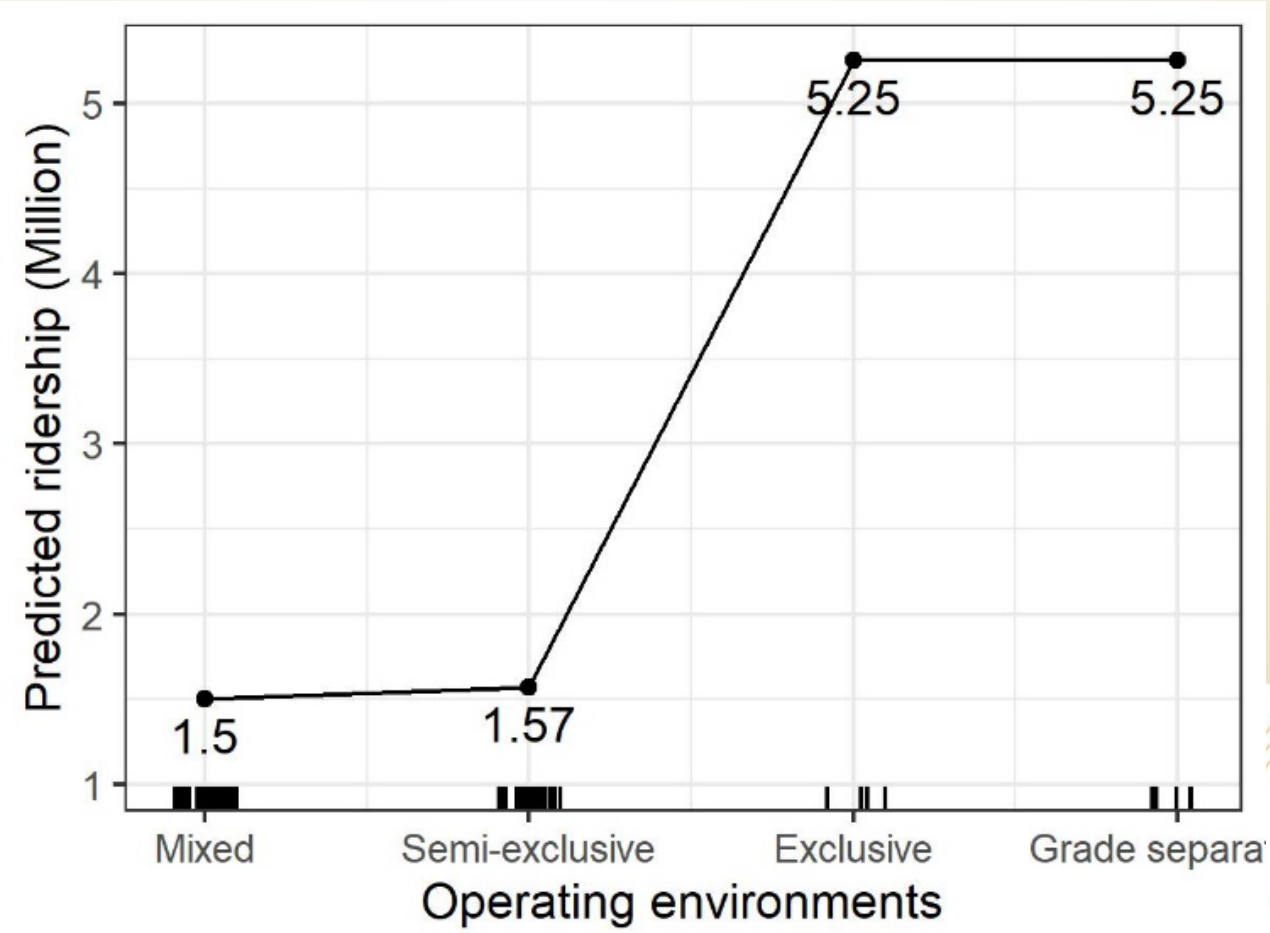
Model results

- The operating environment is the most important predictor of transit ridership.



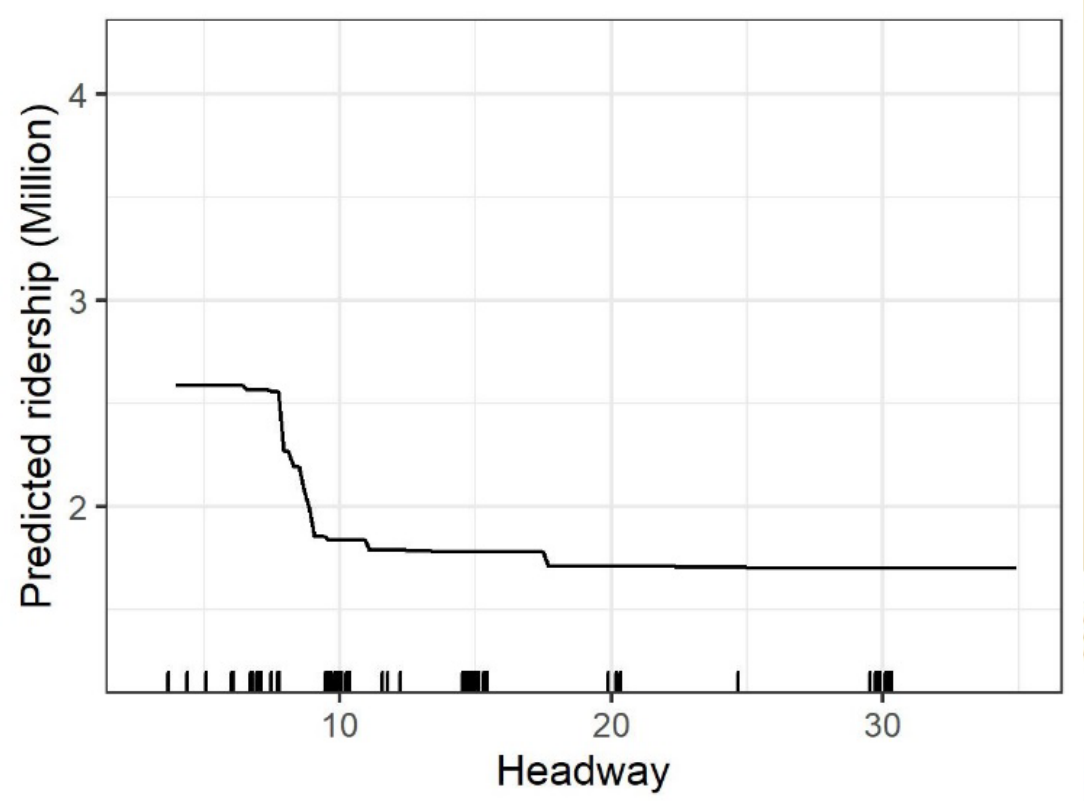
Operating environment

- 3.78 million passengers

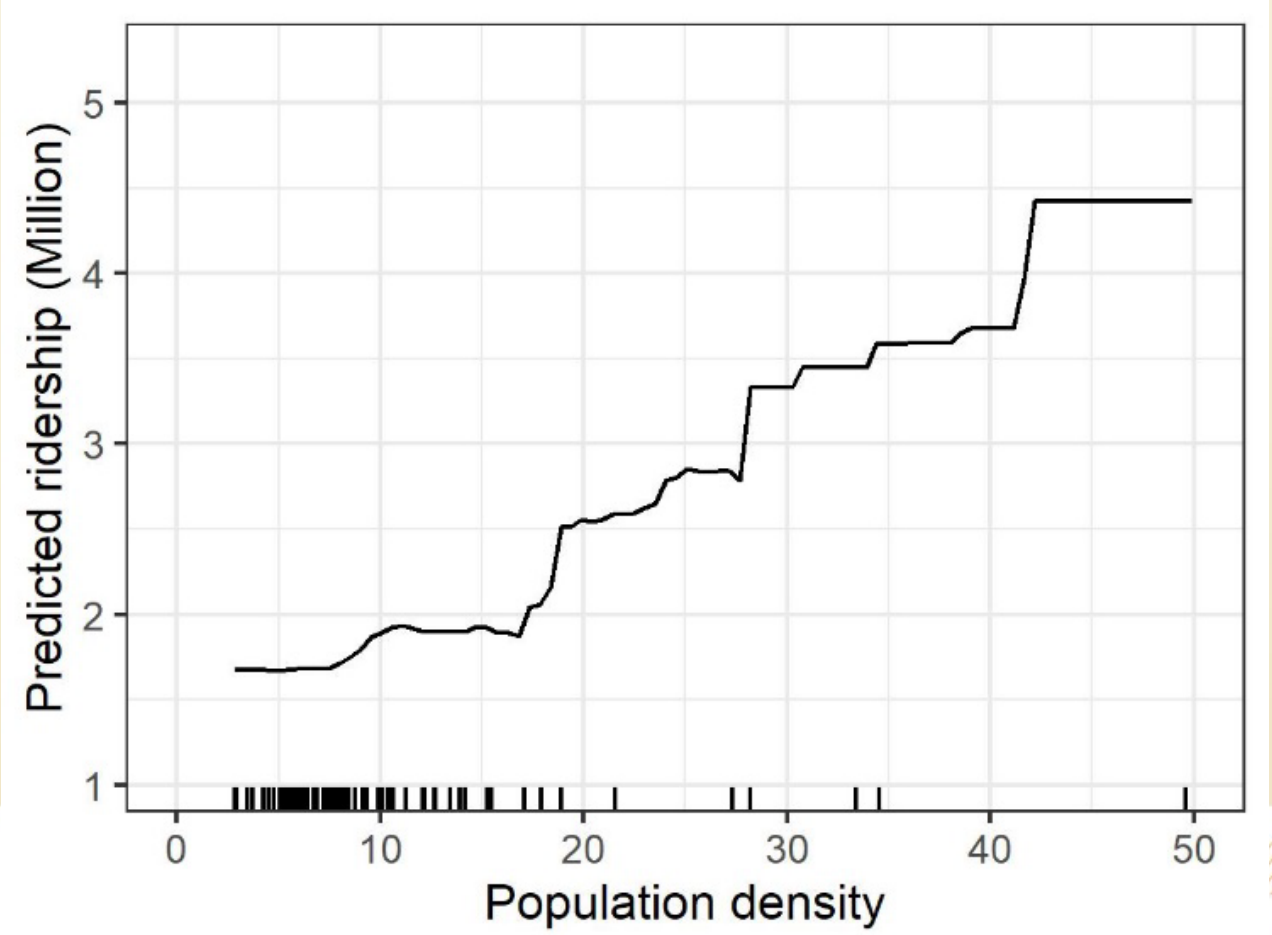


Headway

- 64,000 passengers from 15 to 8 minutes
- Little impact from 15 to 10 minutes



Population density



Key results

- Upgrading to an operating environment with a higher level of ROW could substantially improve transit ridership.
- Enhancing the frequency of transit service could boost ridership.
- Locating transit routes in the areas with adequate population density and well-connected road network could improve their performance.