



Public Opinion Survey

1. *Where do you live? Mark the appropriate area number using the map on the first page or write your home address in the space provided.*

35%-Area 1 9%-Area 2 12%-Area 3 **25%-Area 4** 19%-Pickens County

Home address (optional) _____

2. *What is your employment status? (check all that apply)*

37%-Full-time 11%-Part-time 3%-Student **37%-Retired**
3%-Unemployed 6%-Disabled 3%-Work at home 0%Part-time student

3. *How do you normally get to work/school? (check all that apply)*

58%-Drive alone 5%-Carpool 2%-Walk 1%-School bus
26%-Retired 0%-Bicycle 3%-Work at home 6%-Other

4. *Where do you work or go to school? (check all appropriate locations)*

27%-City of Easley 15%-Pickens County
6%-City of Pickens 5%-City of Liberty
3%-Clemson 8%-Greenville County
17%-City of Greenville 20%-Other

5. *Do you have a vehicle for your own personal use?*

84%-Yes, I own it 14%-No 2%-Yes, I borrow it

6. *Do you or someone in your household have any special transportation needs? (For example, wheelchair, walker/cane, etc.)*

14%-Yes **86%-No**

7. *If you work in the City of Easley, mark the appropriate area number using the map on the first page or write the name of the business and address in the space provided.*

33%-Area 1 **30%-Area 2** 19%-Area 3 17%-Area 4



8. Which statement best reflects the way you feel about public transit?

- 15%-I would never use public transit
- 38%-I would only use public transit if I had no other choice**
- 31%-I would use public transit at least once a week**
- 17%-I prefer public transit over my car

9. How much would you be willing to pay to ride a public transit bus?

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| 6%-\$0.25 | 13%-\$0.50 | 10%-\$0.75 | 33%-\$1.00 |
| 12%-\$1.50 | 10%-\$2.00 | 9%-Free | 7%-Other_____ |

10. Have you ever used public transit?

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| 21%-Yes, in SC | 49%-Yes, but not in SC | 29%-No, Never |
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11. If you answered “Yes” in question 9, please describe your experience with public transit.

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| 2%-Poor | 18%-Fair | 60%-Good | 21%-Excellent |
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12. Do you feel there is a need for public transit in the City of Easley?

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| 75%-Yes | 25%-No |
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If so, why? _____

13. If a public transit system existed in the City of Easley, which days would you or members of your household use it? (check all that apply)

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| 15%-Monday | 13%-Tuesday | 14%-Wednesday | 14%-Thursday |
| 17%-Friday | 16%-Saturday | 11%-Sunday | |

14. What time of day would you or members of your household use public transit? (check all that apply)

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| 3%-Before 6 a.m. | 25%-6 a.m. to 10 a.m. | 29%-10 a.m. to 2 p.m. |
| 28%-2 p.m. to 6 p.m. | 16%-After 6 p.m. | |



Responses to Question #12

- A way to provide transportation to support work opportunities for lower income jobs
- Many people can not afford vehicles or the gas to run them
- Some people may need public transportation due to the gas price increase
- To assist seniors in getting, and others also, med attention, shopping & taking care of business needs
- Growing congestion/help those with no vehicle & taking taxi is expensive way to travel
- To help those with lower income jobs--ones who have no regular way of transportation
- Some people need it for work
- Because some peoples can't get where they need to go and it hard to get around
- Too many cars on road now
- To assist seniors in getting medical attention, shopping & business needs w/out others
- Helps low income residents. Kids can get to park, socially & economically responsible
- A lot of people don't have rides and gas is too high
- There are some people who don't have transportation for their needs
- Numerous people have to depend on others for transportation
- Because some don't have driving license
- Some people need it for work
- To get them to the doctor office, stores
- Some people have no way, except taxis
- Saves gas and wear on car (far trips out of town can use car)
- There are many people who are paying crazy amts for taxis & other transportation
- The city is too small to fund the program
- To transport people who are unable to get around for doctor visits, etc.
- Poor people, old people and people with health problems need the transit
- I'm old and my sight is bad
- Some people don't have cars
- Conserve energy and cut down crowdedness of vehicles on the roads
- For the elderly and others without a car
- I see a lot of people using taxi service to get to work & other places
- There are some people that don't have transportation for their needs
- Some have no money for gas
- So we at Countryside could go places to eat and shop
- I will reach the age when I won't be driving anymore
- Our highways are jammed
- It would be good for persons with no transportation & can't afford cars or taxis
- Some people can't get where they need to go and it hard to get around
- Help low income residents. Kids can get to park; socially; economically responsible
- There are many people at Countryside
- To be more independent
- There are scores of people w/out cars; there is no way to shop groceries & other items
- Because of our senior citizens
- Population growth and diversity (age, health, etc)
- Senior citizen
- For those who do not have transportation
- Because of our senior citizens
- So many retired people do not have transportation at all -- no way to get around
- I am a hermit now.
- Many people do not have vehicles
- I would use it to get to work in Greenville. It would save gas & cut down on pollution.
- Traffic mess... no planning
- To reduce traffic congestion



- For the elderly and others without a car
- Necessary with depleting oil supply also too many health risks from the pollution of cars.
- Future change in pop age
- Help low income folks move around in the city
- Eliminate congestion, price of fuel
- Medical, disable to drive & safety
- Not feasible
- It would help seniors
- Lots of people have no transportation
- Price of gas
- Traffic
- We're not quite there yet in terms of population/users
- For children with after school activities and those without transportation
- Less cars on the road; save fuel
- Some days I can't get to the store or shopping; save gas
- Too many cars on road now
- People of Easley need it
- A lot of people don't have rides and gas is too high
- Somebody without a car is rough
- Many people can not afford their own transportation
- Easley is a small city
- Sure would be fun!
- People always need the option if they need it
- Easley needs to be a hub for Clemson, Greenville, Liberty & Pickens
- Roads are getting too crowded. Also maybe some of the crazy drivers would get off the road
- A lot of people walk
- Because there is a lot of people who do not have cars
- People of Easley need it
- 1) high price of gasoline 2) parking 3) lessen traffic
- In Easley, public transportation is needed to increase economic development.
- A city that is growing the size of Easley needs transit
- Seniors in need
- Lot of people don't drive, sometimes myself I need it for back and forth to doctor
- More growth, more need, more seniors, etc
- There is a lot of people do not have cars
- Necessary with depleting oil supply. Also too many health risks for the pollution of cars
- Future change in pop. Age
- Because I see a lot of people using taxi service to get to work & other places
- To help those that do not have their own transportation

Responses to Question #16

- Volunteer service
- Sell bonds; have people invest
- Rider fee
- People who use the bus should pay for it
- Pay to ride out of pocket
- Or city grant
- No
- Must be self supporting - no taxes
- Lottery sales



- Just pay it when I get on
- Hospitality tax -- use percentage of what is already being paid
- Green bean museum/speeding tickets
- Grants
- General fund
- Fee to ride
- Federal grants
- Easley council decision
- Don't want a tax increase
- Don't know yet
- Cigarette tax

Responses to Question #17

- Will never happen---too many cooks. Usage will depend largely on frequency of service
- We would like to have a way to the store and eat out. We have transportation to & from doctors & once a week shopping. But if we had transit at the countryside village it would be wonderful.
- We have people who come to UCM and church and the free medical clinic and hospital who have no way to get there except beg a ride. As stated I've seen many clients in our med & service ministries who have to ask someone to bring them to our facilities and have no way to a job if they could find one.
- Times, pickup places, 24/7, would all be helpful and productive. Also, 50 years ago there was a delivery service from grocery stores which worked wonders with households. Today with working mothers, stay at home moms, terrific traffic problem, etc.
- Those that use it pay. Pay as you use it or don't have it
- This would cut down on air pollution a lot. People who need to get job but don't have cars can look for work. The older senior citizens can go different places and not have to wait on some one to come and take them; they would have some level of independent. It would help the economic growth of Easley, also people who travel spend money
- The town of Easley is growing. It is attracting people from other towns who enjoy public transportation. Not everyone can afford to own their own vehicle. A transit system in Easley would help neighboring cities too. Many people are hearing about especially in the field of athletics, all that Easley has to offer (convenient shopping centers, post office, hospital, library & wonderful schools, excellent Police Department and many other helpful groups). Many religious institutions are available for worshippers of all denomination. My hat goes off to all the people who have made Easley a wonderful place to live. I moved to Easley twenty five years ago and have enjoyed every moment of my stay.
- Sure the poor need it. I'm willing to be taxed to help them.
- Success of transit systems over the next 50 yrs is dependent on government policies like zoning regs. These policies must adapt to encourage greater population densities. Opportunities to reduce parking requirements for business would create opportunity for housing infill in locations like Belks, Wal-Mart, Kmart and Lowes. The south as a whole is behind in real estate development trends. Efforts to increase population density are part of the new urbanism and smart growth development patterns.
- Smaller vehicles that charge a fee!
- Public transportation is very much needed to provide transportation for residents of the Easley area.
- Public transit would make it much easier for people without transportation or those who are handicapped or too old to drive to take care of their personal business arrangements. This would also let them attend sessions at the library the city hall, the recreation center or other places they desired to go.
- Public transit is a waste of taxpayer dollars. The market is insufficient to justify it. Greenville cannot support a public transit system, and all public transit systems are drains on taxpayers. Do not pursue any form.



- No new taxes!! Our taxes are so high now small business owners are hurting. Rental property taxes are so high it's hard to keep property up and make and profit. Between taxes and insr. Cost small business and rental property owners are being pushed out of business. Sell bonds. I doubt the usefulness and need. Please consider the import.
- Public transportation is a leech placed upon taxpayers
- No
- Never used public transportation. No interest.
- Look at CAT and take notes!!!
- It's nice to know is a way provided to where we have to go.
- It would be good idea because so many have to pay other to take them places which are not to cheap.
- It may have been easier to answer these questions if we knew where the stops would be located. If there's no stops near home there's really no use to ride it is there? If the city of Easley did pursue a transit system would all back roads be side walked to make walking to the stops safer?
- Inner city needs it most
- I work in a location where members of the community sometimes come for financial assistance. I hear repeatedly that a car is unaffordable and the families end up walking to their destination because a cab is too expensive. I would really be proud to live in a community where all members have an equal means of transportation to and from desired locations. I hope the committee seriously gives the idea of public transportation a chance. Thank you!
- I think we already pay enough taxes and would be against additional increases. I would vote against them.
- I believe the system should strive to be self sufficient. With that accountability factor it would be difficult to obtain long term success. The initial public funding would be required to get the system going by there must be a plan in place to wean it off of public support and drive it towards its own profitability.
- I am an 87 yr old woman living in Indep. Living at CSV. We have access to transportation to Wal-Mart, Ingles, bank, but that is just one day a week. This place is full of people and I feel you would have a great business from the people who live here. For we are allowed one hour on Wednesdays and one can usually go to one of those places on that day. And I have a ride to my church with one of the members on Sunday but I feel that there are people here who do not have transportation to church.
- Hard to answer some questions because we have only lived in Easley for 2 months
- Don't want a tax increase
- Do not need it; keep stinky buses out of our clean suburb; in the way
- Could roll back savings from Saco Lowell to be used to partially fund the system
- Consider nonprofit car system like in Charleston, SC -- works well.
- City does not have many rental cars therefore this fee is limited
- Check cost effectiveness of Greenville/Clemson system
- Because of heavy traffic on Hwy 93 & 123 a transit system would help reduce some of the problems we now have by taking some of the cars off the roads.
- A very good idea (the transit bus) we never one in our city -- It will be something different and helpful. Going to our jobs, hospitals, etc.
- A trolley that runs only on parts of 123 would be feasible because people hop from parking lot to nearby parking lot
- 1) Easley does not need a public transit system, 2) taxes are too high now, 3) people who use a transit system should pay for the total cost
- #15...school