

TRANSPORTATION SURVEY RESULTS

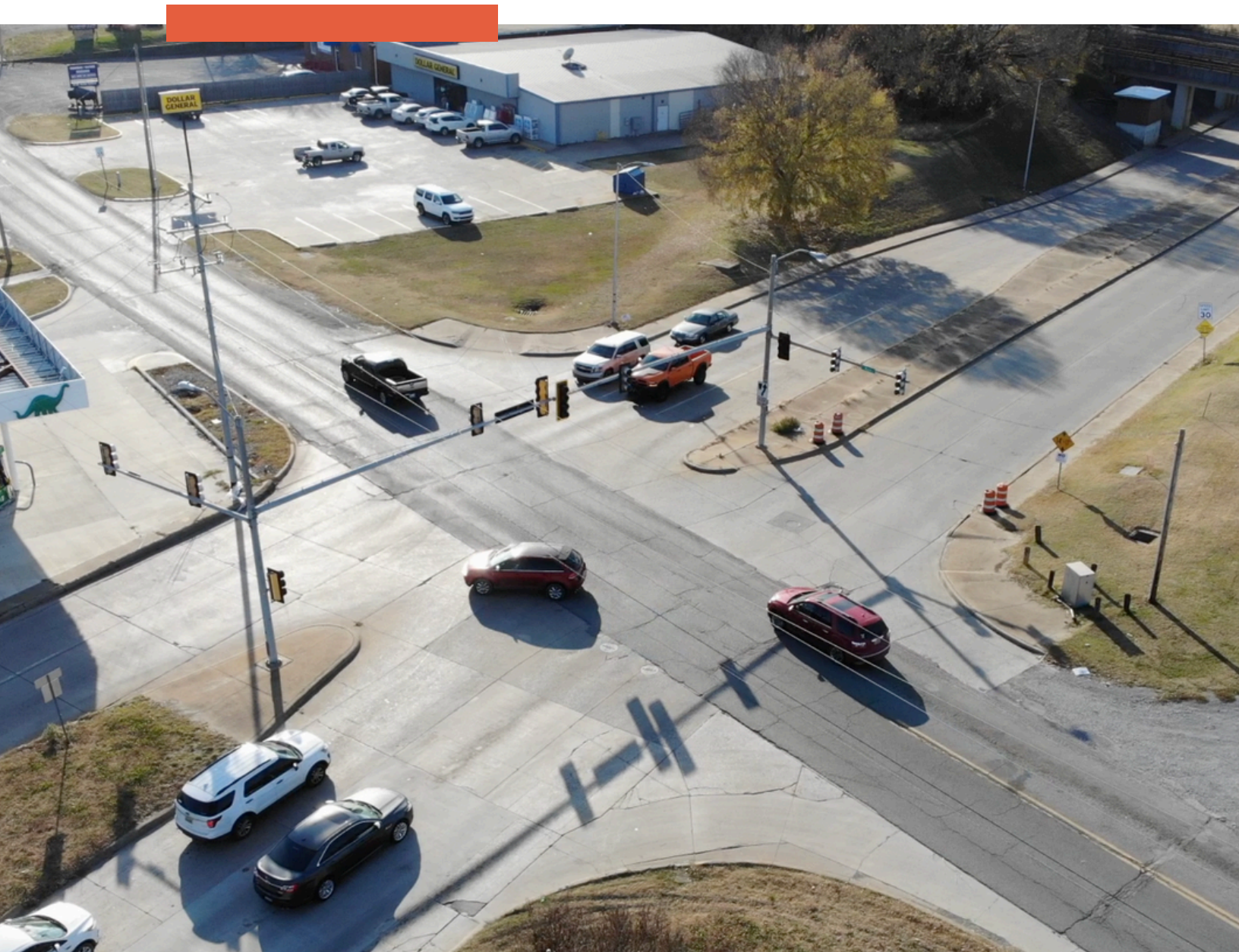
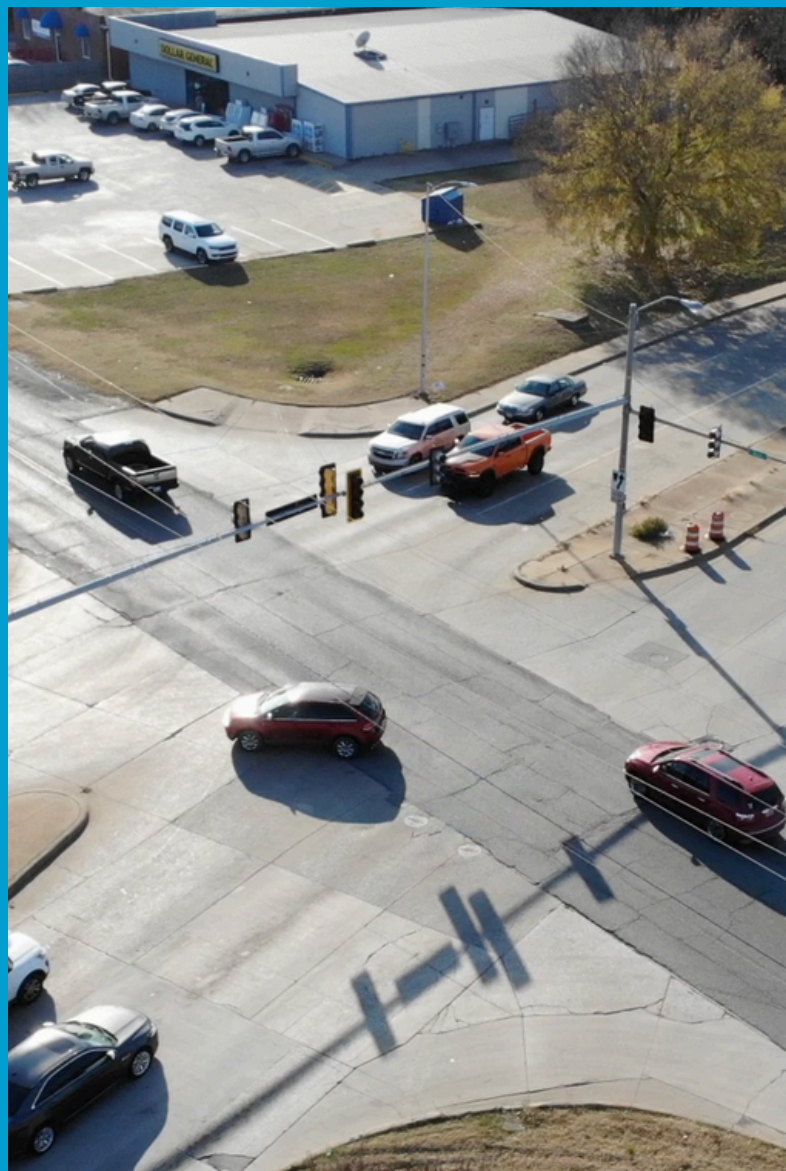


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OVERVIEW

CITIZENS PROVIDED INPUT ABOUT THE INTERSECTION OF STRONG AND POLK ON A SURVEY FOR A POTENTIAL GRANT PROJECT



The City of McAlester conducted the Public Transportation Needs Survey to better understand whether a public bus or transit service could benefit the community and, if so, what form that service might take. This effort was initiated after City Council members and City staff heard from residents, employers, and community partners that transportation barriers can affect access to jobs, healthcare, education, and daily essentials for some residents.

Before considering a project of this scale, the City recognized the importance of gathering reliable, community-driven data. Public transportation is a significant long-term investment that requires careful planning, sustainable funding, and demonstrated need. The purpose of this survey was not to commit the City to a specific solution, but to evaluate demand, usage patterns, priorities, and potential challenges directly from the people who live and work in McAlester.

The City is releasing the survey results publicly as part of its commitment to transparency and open decision-making. By sharing this information, residents can see how their input compares with broader community trends and understand how future discussions may be shaped. Transparency ensures that any next steps—whether further study, pilot programs, grant exploration, or determining that a system is not currently feasible—are informed by shared facts rather than assumptions.

The results contained in this packet represent an important starting point. They will be used to assess community interest, identify priority needs, and evaluate whether pursuing additional planning or funding opportunities is appropriate. No final decisions have been made, and public input will remain central to any future discussions.

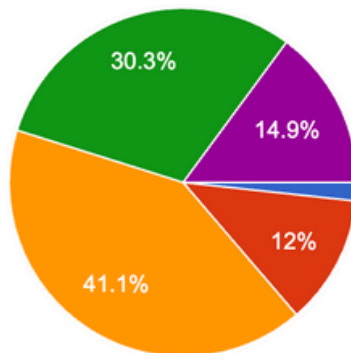
McAlester's approach is guided by a simple principle: responsible planning starts with listening. By collecting and sharing this information, the City aims to make thoughtful, data-driven decisions that reflect community needs while respecting fiscal realities and long-term sustainability.

RESPONSES (1-3)

What is your age group?

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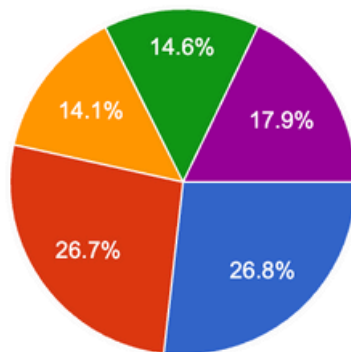


- Under 18
- 18-24
- 25-44
- 45-64
- 65+

What part of McAlester do you live in?

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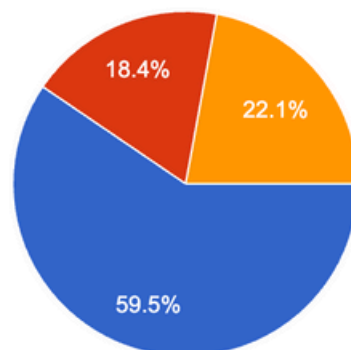


- North McAlester
- South McAlester
- West McAlester
- East McAlester
- Outside city limits

Do you have access to a personal vehicle?

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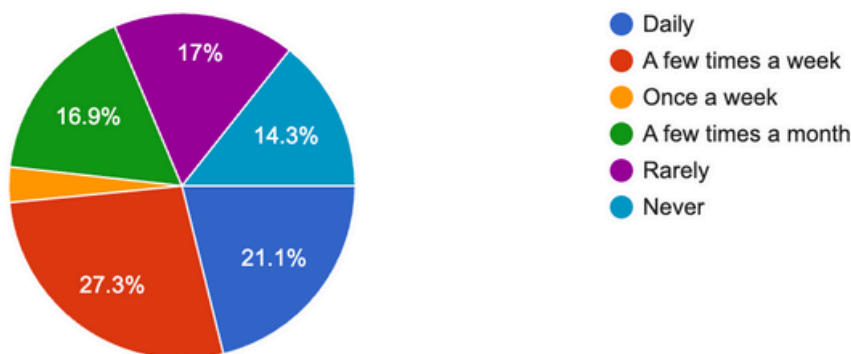
- Yes
- No
- Sometimes / Shared vehicle

RESPONSES (4-5)

How often would you use a public bus service if it were available?

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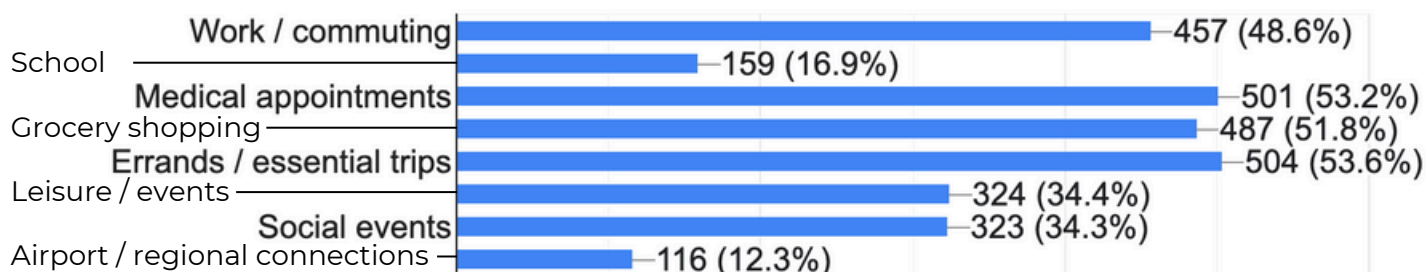
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What would you primarily use public transportation for? (Select all that apply)

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The following is a sample of write-in options respondents entered under "other":

- I wouldn't use a bus. I have a vehicle but i think it will help a lot who don't have a vehicle
- Emergency situations if my car wasn't working and another vehicle was unavailable.

- NA
- I wouldn't
- Church
- None of the above

• Directing the homeless to their options

• I probability wouldn't use public transportation. The City should focus on the infrastructure first and foremost. The water quality and supply issues should be the cities TOP priority instead of all this wasteful spending.

- None
- Never

- To report to probation
- Annoying people on the bus. There is no logical need for a bus system in this town. If you all stopped embezzling money and used it for repairs in this town, the town would thrive.
- I wouldn't. This is a dumb idea. We should be fixing stuff that's broke, not introducing new ways for y'all to launder money.
- I wouldn't but it is definitely needed in this town
- Teach my special needs kids to use it, also to get a break from driving and save on gas,
- I wouldn't and public transportation brings more trouble than not.
- I think this is wonderful for the many people who rely on the KATZ busses and taxi cabs.
- Never it's not needed here.

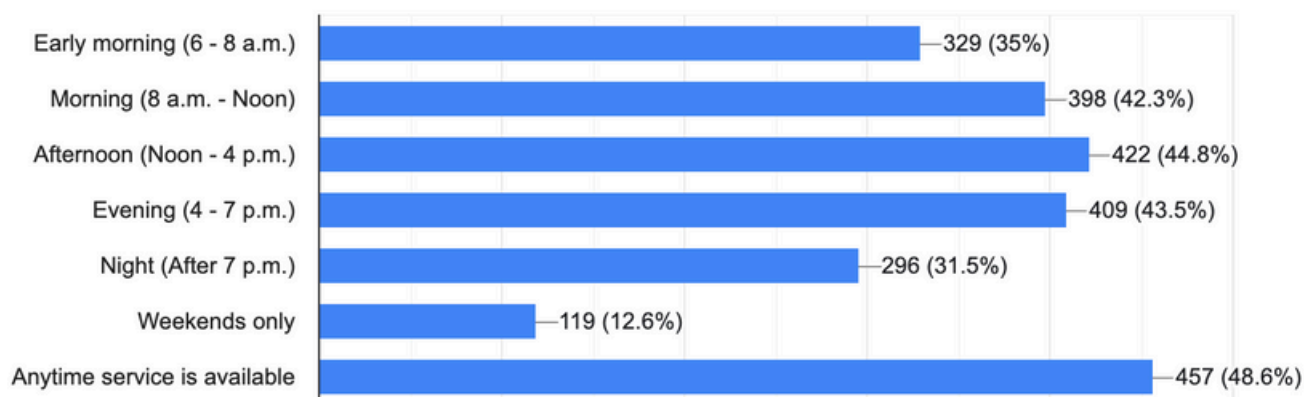
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RESPONSES (6-8)

What times of day would you be most likely to use a bus service? (Select all that apply)

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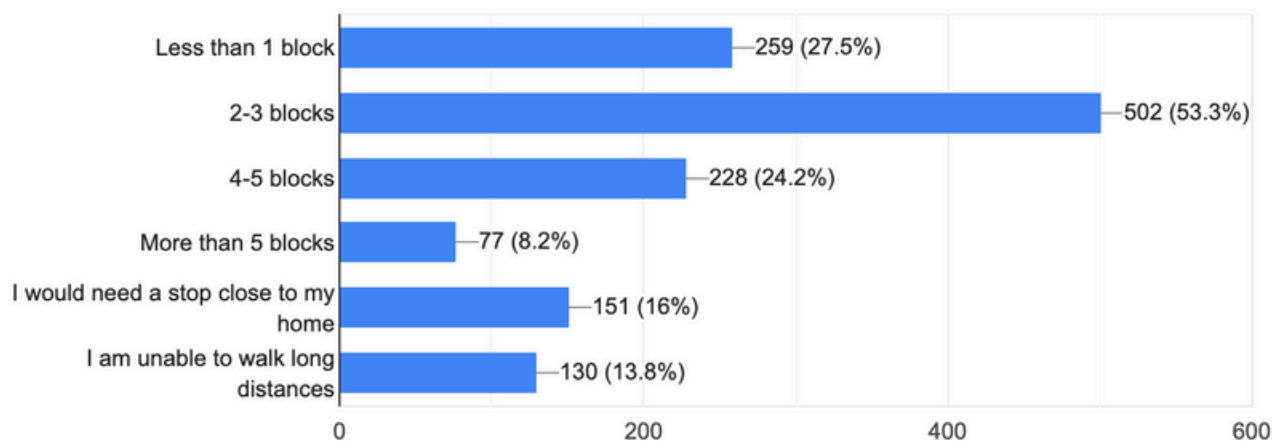
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How far would you be willing to walk to reach a bus stop? (Select all that apply)

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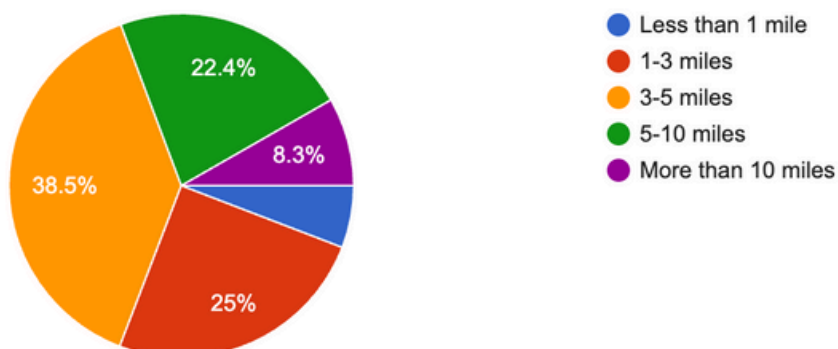
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How far would you typically need to travel on a bus route?

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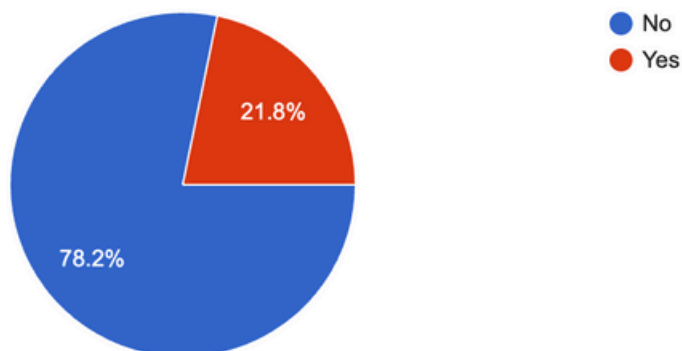


RESPONSES (9-10)

Would you need accommodations for mobility, disabilities, strollers, or medical equipment?

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If you answered yes, please specify here:

- Stroller
- Stroller for kids
- Motorized wheelchair
- People with disabilities need accommodation
- Walker, mobility scooter
- Sometimes i help the elderly with errands and it would be a pleasure for them to attend if possible
- I'm disabled and have kids. Need handicap accessible
- No, unless I was bringing home some groceries
- Knee trouble
- Wheelchair access
- Stroller
- Strollers/Carseats
- ADA seating
- Husband uses a cane
- Stroller
- A stroller
- Strollers
- Federal law requires public transportation to be ADA compliant
- Medically trained cardio alert dog
- Mobility - wheelchair, walker, and things of that sort.

- Disabilities
- Use a walker
- Mom uses wheelchair, infant son
- Stroller
- Handicap bus. Cannot do steps easily
- I need help getting on an off bus
- Foot scooter
- A lift for a power wheelchair and proper restraints for securing the wheelchair in the vehicle.
- Some people safe in wheel chairs other single parents have strollers
- 1:10 ratio would needed car seat, stroller or wheelchair storage
- I have a medically complex child and I carry a lot of things in my backpack and to the right of us. It would be such a privilege to have this opportunity.
- You can not repave my street (Crooked Oak) how can you afford transit
- Everyone on these busses will be destructive to the city property, filthy, and homeless. These people do not and will not be the ones contributing to the funding the city will use for this! It better cost to ride and pay for itself. They will be entitled and won't respect the accommodations.

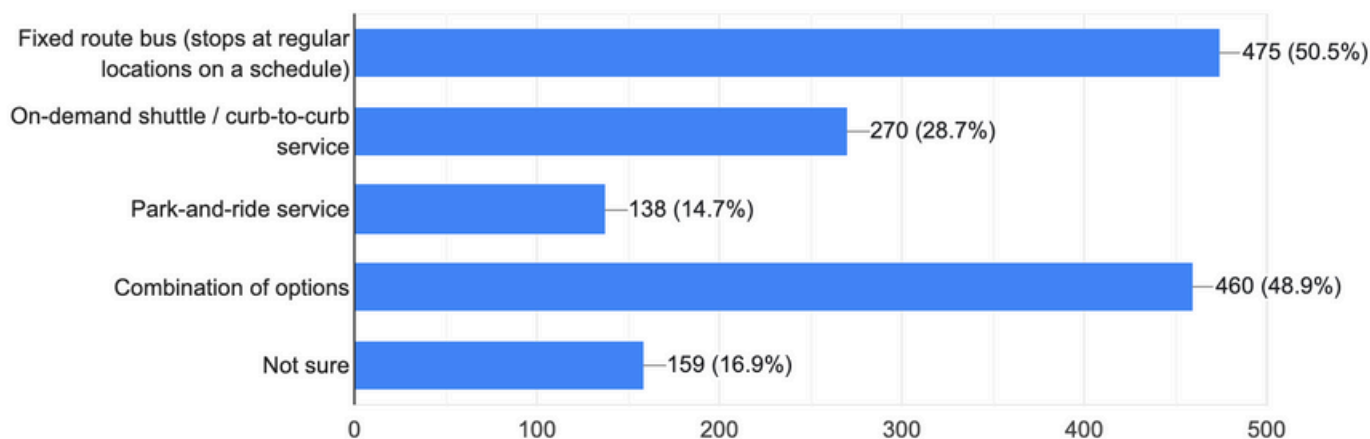
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RESPONSES (11-13)

What type of public transportation would best serve your needs?

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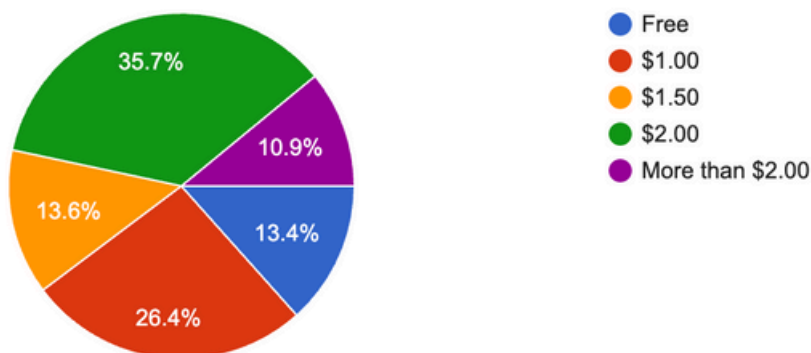
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What price per one-way trip would be reasonable for you?

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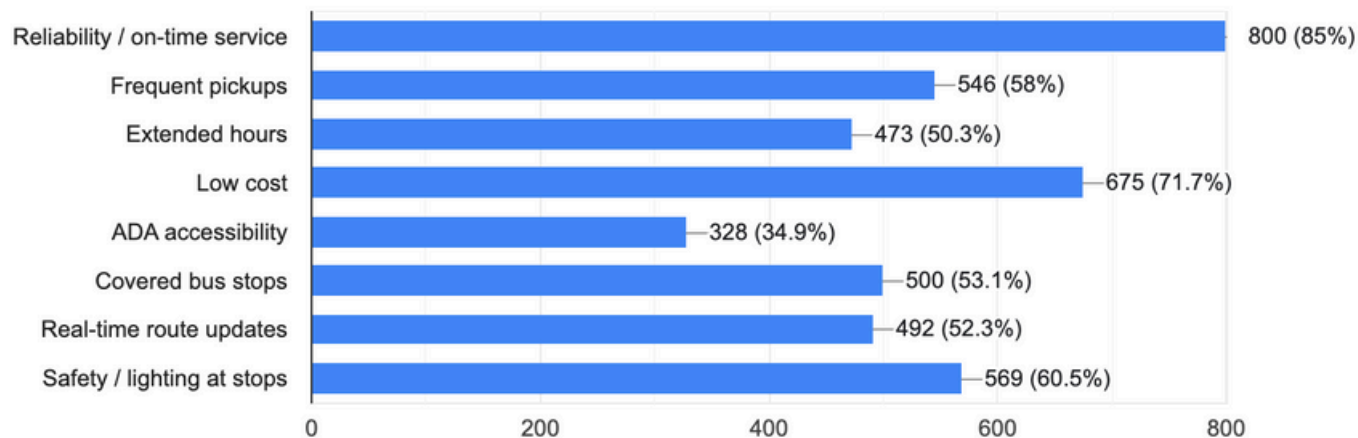
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Which features are most important? (Select all that apply)

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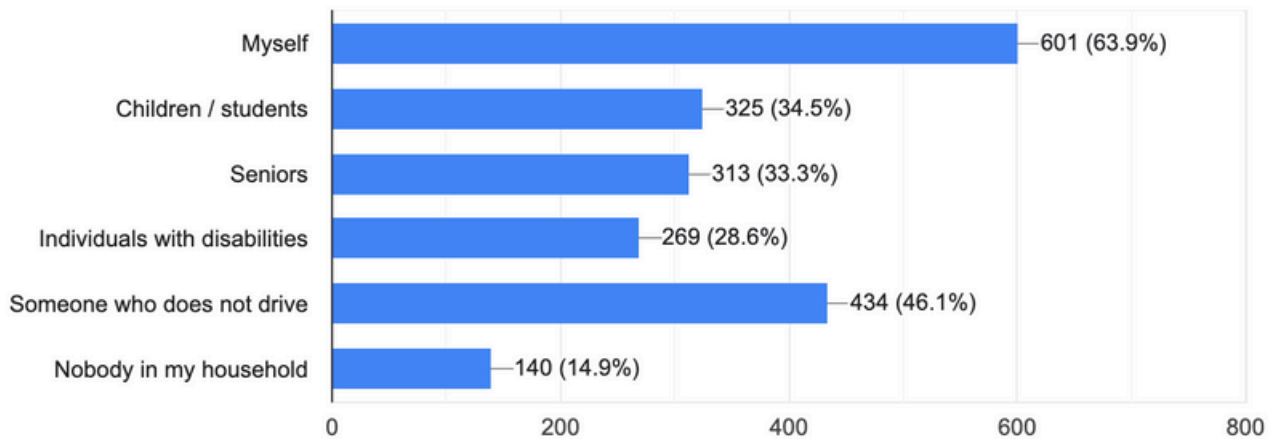


RESPONSES (14-16)

Who in your household would benefit most from a public transportation service?

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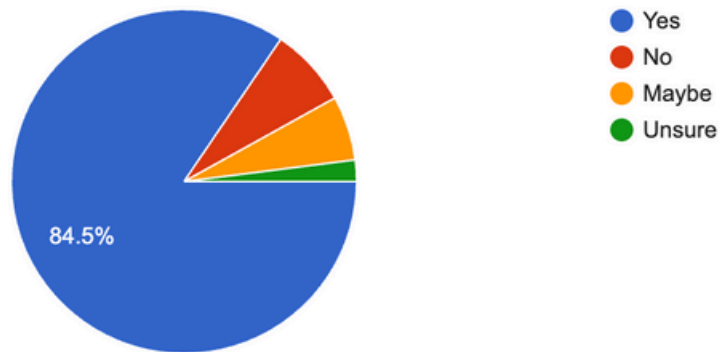
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Do you believe public transportation would benefit McAlester as a whole?

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What other locations should a bus route prioritize?

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- Hospital, grocery stores, public library, city hall, police station, court house
- Hospital, Walmart, industrial center, casino
- McAAP
- Areas that aren't accessible to walk or ride a bike to. Busy areas that are dangerous for pedestrians
- Casino. There are a lot of employees there that do not drive.
- Any of the old folks homes, mcalester plaza apartments. The oaks. Men's shelter.

- Stops in north town that you can take to Walmart, and be able to catch another bus back.
- Steven Taylor Industrial Park, Army ammunition plant, Eastern Oklahoma State College and KTC
- Compassion365 or around Mike's club for close access to Catholic charities, mikes, and compassion
- Not McAlester. We have enough homeless drug addicts walking and sleeping on the ground around here.
- Fix the roads first.

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RESPONSES (17)

Do you have additional comments, concerns, or ideas for improving transportation options in McAlester?

- I see moms having car problems and the school bus doesn't come close to them so always looking how to get their child to school in times of need
- This is definitely needed for our community to grow.
- Maybe a monthly bus pass, for the frequent riders.
- Fix the streets and the infrastructure first,
- Stop supporting other transportation organizations and make this a priority. This would be awesome for a city.
- I understand this could take a year or two to fully implement so I believe road widening and repairs should take first priority to prepare the city for adjusting to bus lanes and bus stops
- Please keep in mind that the reason people take KATS in town is because it the cheapest cost of transportations even though it may take 45mins to hour sometimes. Therefore, you you put a price on it make sure you take this in tomboy c in nauseating. I definitely will not be taking transportations that charges more than KATS does. This why I don't do Ubers and taxis in this town.
- I think this is an AMAZING idea. I see so many people just trying to get to work or get their kids to school who can't afford the \$10 Cab Fare and they ask strangers on Facebook and that could be so dangerous this could be beneficial for the safety of our community and help out so many people not lose their jobs or kids getting Truant from school. It would also help with young adults who don't drive getting to their first jobs
- Please don't add a tax for this until the other special project taxes fall off.
- Instead of a bus transportation why don't the city take over a cab service free to seniors and veterans and have reasonable pricing.
- Public transportation is a vital piece of a growing and connecting community
- Please fix more roads
- I work with clients daily who have no transportation this would greatly benefit our community
- Repair the streets so people aren't having to do so many car repairs.
- Ride share would be great. Also regional transportation to the airport. I live alone and do not have anyone to drive me to the airport. I imagine I am not the only person in this predicament. I travel for work and leisure.
- Free for disabled vets. Lifetime pass.
- If the roads are as crappy as they are now, maintenance on the bus fleet is gonna be outrageous.
- This could open up jobs to so many people not able to work because of transportation. My son is terrified to drive but wants to work
- I think the money would be better spent improving city roads.
- Transportation is one of the biggest barriers to students attending evening classes at Kiamichi Tech and EOSC. KATS ends early and cabs are not reliable.
- Please build more sidewalks if there isn't going to be more public transport.
- This is an awesome opportunity and could help a lot of people our community has a lot of low income families
- It's a waste of tax dollars fix the roads instead and drains or sewage anything besides this
- I don't need this service but as a manager at a Fast Food restaurant in town, there is a demand for this service for our employees
- Useless without an app for real time updates/ bus locations
- I work at a cancer center and we have so many patients that don't have cars or can't afford to pay for a ride
- Please approve this. Some of us work around here and it would absolutely be of assistance

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