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# Senior Perspectives Towards Ride for Free Public Transportation Programs

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In 2012, Oakville Transit implemented a ride for free transit programs on Mondays. This has allowed residents over the age of 65 years of age to travel all day on all bus routes every Monday at no charge.

The following is a short survey for a Master’s research project at Ryerson University. This research has two goals. First, it will look at senior perspectives and their behaviour towards public transit and ride for free transit program in Oakville, Ontario. Second, this research will determine if a ride for free transit program has decreased auto-dependency and increased public transportation ridership.

To participate, you must be over the age of 65 to participant as this research is focusing on the senior citizen mobility in Oakville, Ontario. This information and your identity will be kept confidential. Only the researcher and the supervisor will have access to this data. If at any time you feel uncomfortable, you may decline to answer any questions or to stop the survey.

Thank you for your participation!

# Survey: Ride for Free Transportation Program

***This survey is estimated to take 3-5mins to complete***. Please answer the following questions by circling your response or filling in the blanks:

1. How many years have you lived in the Town of Oakville: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Do you have access to a personal vehicle?

As a driver As a passenger

* 1. Yes a) Yes
  2. No b) No

1. How many times a week do you use a personal vehicle (as a driver or passenger) to go somewhere?
   1. Never use personal vehicle
   2. Less than once a month
   3. More than once a month but less than once a week
   4. One to two days a week
   5. Three to four days a week
   6. Five or more days a week
2. How many times a week do you take Oakville Transit public transportation to go somewhere?
   1. Never use public transit
   2. Less than once a month
   3. More than once a month by less than once a week
   4. One to two days a week
   5. Three to four days a week
   6. Five or more days a week
3. Why do you take public transportation? (circle all that apply)

\*\* Please skip this question if you NEVER use public transit

* 1. It’s cheaper than driving (i.e. saves money on fuel)
  2. It is a more convenient mode of transportation than automobile for me
  3. I like being able to take public transportation by myself
  4. Taking transit is good for the environment
  5. Taking transit is good for my health
  6. Other:

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1. Why do you NOT take public transportation? (circle all that apply)

\*\* Please skip this question if you use public transportation.

* 1. It is not accessible in my daily routine
  2. The fare is expensive
  3. It’s too slow
  4. Not convenient
  5. Other:

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1. Are you aware of Oakville Transit’s seniors ride for free program which is offered on Mondays?
   1. Yes
   2. No
2. Has the seniors ride for free program made a difference in your transit use?
   1. Yes
   2. No
3. Do you use public transit more or less than before the program was implemented?
   1. More
   2. Less
   3. No change
4. Do you use Oakville Transit on days when the seniors ride for free service is not offered?
   1. Yes
   2. No
5. You would be impacted if this ride for free transit service was no longer available to you.
   1. Strongly Agree
   2. Agree
   3. Neutral
   4. Disagree
   5. Strongly Disagree
6. How has this ride for free transportation program changed your transportation behaviour (circle all that apply)?
   1. No change
   2. I drive/take a ride in a car less than before
   3. I take public transit more than before
   4. I walk/cycle more than before
   5. I take another mode of transportation more than before (Please state other mode of transportation) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
7. Demographic questions:
   1. Please circle. Gender: M or F
   2. Where do you live (postal code or major intersection)? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
   3. What is your age range?
      1. 65 to 74
      2. 75-84
      3. 85+
   4. What is your highest level of education attainment?
      1. No high school
      2. High school
      3. Post-secondary
      4. Certificate
      5. Trades
      6. Other
      7. Prefer not to say
   5. What is your individual income level?
      1. Low (less than $40,000)
      2. Medium ($40,000-$60,000)
      3. High (more than $60,000)
      4. Prefer not to say
   6. What is your living arrangement?
      1. Live with partner
      2. Live alone
      3. Live with family
      4. Other
   7. What language do you speak at home?
      1. Please State: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
      2. Prefer not to say

**You have now completed this survey.**

**Thank you for your knowledge!**

**Please return this survey to the researcher**