



Planning Technical Advisory Committee Meeting (PTAC)

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

July 13, 2011
10:30 a.m.

South Florida Regional Transportation Authority
Boardroom
800 NW 33rd Street
Pompano Beach, Florida 33064
www.sfrta.fl.gov

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Members

Maria Batista, Miami-Dade Transit
Michael Busha, Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council
William Cross, South Florida Regional Transportation Authority
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B. Jack Osterholt, South Florida Regional Planning Council
Irma San Roman, Miami-Dade Metropolitan Planning Organization
Gustavo Schmidt, Florida Department of Transportation, District IV
Phil Steinmiller, Florida Department of Transportation, District VI
Greg Stuart, Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization
Fred Stubbs, Palm Tran
Jeff Weidner, FDOT, District IV
Randy Whitfield, Chairman, Palm Beach Metropolitan Planning Organization

Directions to SFRTA: I-95 to Copans Road. Go west on Copans to North Andrews Avenue Ext. and turn right. Go straight to Center Port Circle, which is NW 33rd Street, and turn right. SFRTA's offices are in the building to the right. The SFRTA offices are also accessible by taking the train to the Pompano Beach Station. The SFRTA building is southeast of the station. Parking is available across the street from SFRTA's offices, at the Pompano Beach Station.

PLANNING TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PTAC)
MEETING OF JULY 13, 2011

The meeting will convene at 10:30 a.m., and will be held in the Boardroom of the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority, Administrative Offices, 800 NW 33rd Street, Suite 100, Pompano Beach, FL 33064.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AGENDA APPROVAL – Additions, Deletions, Revisions

DISCUSSION ITEMS

MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC – Persons wishing to address the Committee are requested to complete an “Appearance Card” and will be limited to three (3) minutes. Please see the Minutes Clerk prior to the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

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C1 – MOTION TO APPROVE: Minutes of PTAC Meeting of June 15, 2011

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No Items

INFORMATION / PRESENTATION ITEMS

Action not required, provided for information purposes only.
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I1 – INFORMATION: Regional Express Bus Projects

I2 – INFORMATION: Palm Tran Transit Development Plan (TDP) Major Update

I3 – INFORMATION: Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) & New Freedom (NF) Programs

I4 – INFORMATION: Tri-Rail Station Area & Connecting Transit Maps

OTHER BUSINESS:

PTAC MEMBER COMMENTS

MEETING ATTENDANCE SUMMARY – Enclosed

NEXT MEETING DATE – September 14 or 21

ADJOURNMENT

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MINUTES
SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
PLANNING TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PTAC) MEETING
JUNE 15, 2011

The Planning Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC) meeting was held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 15, 2011 in the Boardroom of the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA), Administrative Offices located at 800 NW 33rd Street, Suite 100, Pompano Beach, Florida 33064.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS/ALTERNATES PRESENT:

Ms. Maria Batista, Miami-Dade Transit (MDT)
Ms. Lois Bush, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District 4
Ms. Priscila Clawges, Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
Ms. Kim Delaney, Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council (RPC)
Mr. Wilson Fernandez, Miami-Dade MPO
Ms. Chris Heshmati, South Florida RPC
Mr. Joseph Quinty, SFRTA
Mr. Jonathan Roberson, Broward County Transit (BCT)
Mr. Gustavo Schmidt, FDOT District 4
Mr. Phil Steinmiller, FDOT District 6
Mr. Fred Stubbs, Palm Tran
Mr. Randy Whitfield, Palm Beach MPO, Chairman

ALSO PRESENT:

Mr. Chris Benitez, HNTB
Mr. Chad Betts, SFRTA
Ms. Nilia Cartaya, MDT
Ms. Sharon Cino, FDOT District 4
Ms. Odalys Delgado, HNTB
Ms. Seyla Gonzales, Tindale-Oliver & Associates
Ms. Barbara Handrahan, SFRTA
Ms. Karen Kiselewski, Renaissance Planning
Ms. Elaine Magnum, SFRTA
Ms. Jessica Josselyn, Kittelson & Associates
Mr. Juan Carlos Villalba, HNTB
Ms. Lynda Westin, SFRTA
Mr. Ravi Wijesundera, Kimley-Horn and Associates
Ms. Natalie Yesbeck Pustizzi, SFRTA
Mr. Eric Zahn, SFRTA

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m.

ROLL CALL

The Chair requested the roll call.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AGENDA APPROVAL – Additions, Deletions, Revisions

A motion was made by Mr. Fred Stubbs to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Ms. Chris Heshmati. The motion was called to a vote and carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC – None

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C1 – MOTION TO APPROVE: Minutes of Planning Technical Advisory Committee Meeting of May 25, 2011.

Ms. Kim Delaney made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Priscila Clawges. The motion was called to a vote and carried unanimously.

REGULAR AGENDA

Those matters included under the Regular Agenda differ from the Consent Agenda in that items will be voted on individually. In addition, presentations will be made on each motion, if so desired.

C1 MOTION TO ENDORSE: SFRTA FY 2012-2021 Transit Development Plan (TDP) Annual Update

Mr. Joseph Quinty of SFRTA introduced the item, noting that a text only version of the TDP document was included in the agenda, while the full version with graphics and appendices was made available to the committee via an online link on Monday. He noted that the full SFRTA capital and operating budgets were included in the appendices. Ms. Natalie Yesbeck-Pustizzi then provided the PTAC with an overview of SFRTA’s TDP Annual Update document. Ms. Yesbeck-Pustizzi highlighted the key changes over the past fiscal year. Some of the changes were cited as agency accomplishments, including improved Tri-Rail on-time performance, increased ridership, parking capacity improvements, station improvements, implementation of new shuttle bus routes, and the implementation of the Easy Card system. Ms. Yesbeck-Pustizzi, also noted that Easy Card implementation was one of the challenges over the past year, with the completely new smart card fare payment and collection system being a difficult transition for Tri-Rail riders and some of the other transit operators. Other changes noted by Ms. Yesbeck-Pustizzi were the successful completion of the JARC/NF funding cycle, the inclusion of multiple SFRTA projects in the State Rail Plan Investment Element, and the award of TRIP funds for a new locomotive. She stated that

the capital program listed in the TDP shows significant emphasis on new rolling stock, with millions allocated for new railcars and locomotives. Ms. Yesbeck-Pustizzi noted that two new railcars have been delivered in recent months, and that after testing is completed they should be in service soon. and hope to be in service in the current month. She also stated that other key elements of the ten year capital program are further station and parking improvements, Hialeah Yard improvements, and replacement of our passenger information system. She then handed out a replacement page for page 30 of the TDP document, which included corrected figures for the capital program.

Mr. Stubbs inquired about the length of the TDP document considering it is just a minor annual update. Mr. Quinty replied that the TDP document is relatively short, but the full budgets in the appendices add considerable length. Ms. Delaney commented on elements of the goals and objectives listed on pages 3, 5, and 10. Mr. Wilson Fernandez suggested that the changes in contrast to last year's TDP be documented more clearly. He also suggested that elements in the new 10th year of the plan be specifically cited and explained. Mr. Quinty offered to insert the changes suggested by Mr. Fernandez prior to submittal of the draft TDP document to the SFRTA Governing Board for approval. Mr. Phil Steinmiller made a motion to endorse the SFRTA TDP Annual Update with the inclusion of Mr. Fernandez's recommended changes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Delaney. The motion then passed unanimously.

INFORMATION / PRESENTATION ITEMS

Action not required, provided for information purposes only.
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11. - INFORMATION: SFRTA NTD Revenue and Shuttle Bus Capitalization Analysis

Mr. Quinty introduced this item, commenting that the PTAC has had extensive discussion of SFRTA's shuttle bus program over the past year. He stated that SFRTA's strong desire to reduce its shuttle bus costs and learn more about all of the individual shuttle operations in the region led to this NTD Revenue and Shuttle Bus Capitalization analysis. Ms. Odalys Delgado of HNTB, SFRTA's consultant on this study then gave an overview of the project via a power point presentation. Ms. Delgado began by providing information on National Transit Database (NTD) rules for reporting. She then discussed the inventory of the region's community shuttle systems and that some of the systems were not reporting to NTD, including some that connect to Tri-Rail. She also noted that the study sought to identify shuttle services that operated in fairly close proximity to Tri-Rail stations, but did not connect to Tri-Rail. Ms. Delgado stated that the study found that there would be a very minor increase in federal formula revenue to the region if all of these small systems reported to NTD. She then discussed the portion of the study that looked into capitalizing the Tri-Rail shuttle fleet. It was noted that SFRTA's shuttle operations are currently done via a turnkey contract, with SFRTA owning zero shuttle buses. The analysis attempted to identify potential cost savings in the contracted shuttle operating rates if SFRTA provided the vehicles, rather than relying on vehicles owned by the contractor. Ms. Delgado stated that the study identified the likelihood of significant savings in the cost of shuttle operations if SFRTA owned the vehicles. As a result, SFRTA is going to further investigate the details of capitalizing its shuttle bus fleet. Multiple PTAC members had questions about the details of SFRTA's current operating contract and type of fuel currently used. Chairman Whitfield and Ms. Delaney both suggested that discussions take place with the City of West Palm Beach and its DDA about getting having their downtown shuttle reported to NTD.

12. - INFORMATION: Regional Transit Master Plan

Ms. Sharon Cino of FDOT introduced this item, mentioning to the committee that background research on regional transit plans is the focus of the preliminary effort to help inform the scope development of an actual regional transit plan. Ms. Jessica Josselyn of Kittelson and Associates then gave the committee an update of project findings. After an initial task looking at other regions' plans, over 20 documents here in South Florida have been looked at to better inform the regional transit plan effort. These include the LRTPs, TDPs, TIPs, specific corridor studies and mobility studies. Ms. Josselyn commented that looking through the materials made it clear that the regional transit master plan needs to be done and in coordination with the 2040 regional long range transportation plan. She also suggested establishing a technical working group that would coordinate the master plan effort with the PTAC and RTTAC. Ms. Josselyn also mentioned that GIS and origin/destination data were being reviewed to better understand travel patterns and that LEHD would be used to show this. She then gave a demonstration of the information and documents available on the regional transit master plan webpage. Ms. Josselyn stated that committee members' feedback was sought on the technical memos and background documents included on the project webpage. Mr. Steinmiller stated he has an issue with the "Regional Transit Master Plan" title since Miami-Dade has not agreed to participate. Mr. Gustavo Schmidt replied that he is willing to change the title of the plan to reflect this. Chairman Whitfield commented that he has not yet agreed to participate until the effort is better defined. He also talked about the plan perhaps having base information that could feed into all three MPO LRTPs, but then each MPO taking elements of it to meet their individual needs. Mr. Fernandez expressed concerns about Miami-Dade data being included in the plan effort if it is not a participant. Mr. Schmidt stated that Miami-Dade input into the scope and study is important even if it is not fully participating. Mr. Fernandez stated that a possibility could be to perform the Broward based transit system plan work first, then other regional components could be considered and potentially be fed into the Regional LRTP. Chairman Whitfield noted that this item will be discussed further at the RTTAC meeting.

13. - INFORMATION: Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) and New Freedom (NF) Programs

Ms. Yesbeck-Pustizzi advised committee members that the application period officially opened this week. She stated that the application is available on the SFRTA website and that notices were published today in the Palm Beach Post and tomorrow in the Miami Herald. It was also noted that the informational teleconference with FTA staff is scheduled for Tuesday, June 28 from 1:00 to 2:30 pm.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Quinty informed committee members of National Dump the Pump day tomorrow, June 16. He also stated that no PTAC meetings are planned for the summer months unless new requests or needs for special action arise.

PTAC MEMBER COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 PM.

SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
PLANNING TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PTAC)
MEETING: JULY 13, 2011

INFORMATION ITEM REPORT

Information Item Presentation

REGIONAL EXPRESS BUS PROJECTS

SUMMARY EXPLANATION AND BACKGROUND:

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), Miami-Dade Transit (MDT), Broward County Transit (BCT), and Palm Tran have been planning and implementing regional express services throughout South Florida. To date, five new routes have been implemented, including MDT 95 Express service to Broward Blvd and Sheridan Street, BCT 95 Express Service to Hollywood, Pembroke Pines and Miramar, and Palm Tran's service between Stuart and West Palm Beach. New service will be introduced on 595 this winter and when the 95 Managed Lanes are extended to Broward Blvd. Additional funds become available for new service in 2014. As a result of recent requests from the I-95 Express Transit Team to plan new services with all providers, it was decided that the PTAC was an appropriate venue to plan new and expanded routes and service. The July 13 meeting will begin the effort to coordinate through PTAC.

Presentations will be provided by FDOT on 95 Express ridership and parking (the existing 5 routes), 595 Express planned routes and implementation schedule, and 2014 expanded 95 Express opportunities. This will be followed by open discussion on how the partner agencies move forward and develop new services that meet regional needs.

EXHIBITS ATTACHED: None

SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
PLANNING TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PTAC)
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INFORMATION ITEM REPORT

Information Item

Presentation

PALM TRAN TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT PLAN (TDP) MAJOR UPDATE

SUMMARY EXPLANATION AND BACKGROUND:

Palm Tran is currently updating its Transit Development Plan (TDP), which is a document that guides transit planning, development, and operations over the next 10 years. The TDP provides a vision of Palm Tran's role in the community, strategically defines public transit needs, and identifies and prioritizes alternatives to address the needs. The TDP allows Palm Tran to continue building on its successes of the past 10 years. More information about the project is available at www.PalmTranTDP.com.

The attached presentation, which will be given at the PTAC meeting on July 13, describes the needs identified through the stakeholder and public involvement process. Committee feedback on the identified needs is welcome.

EXHIBITS ATTACHED: Palm Tran TDP Slideshow Presentation



Update on the Palm Tran 2011 Transit Development Plan

South Florida Regional Transportation Authority
Planning Technical Advisory Committee
Meeting

July 13, 2011

PALM BEACH COUNTY
Transit Development Plan



INTRODUCTION

Discussion Outline

- Project overview
- Progress
- Next steps



Project Overview

- Existing conditions assessment and peer comparison
- Goal-setting & **stakeholder outreach**
- Projected growth & **needs**
- Alternatives development and evaluation
- Prioritization and selection
- Financial plan and final TDP

ON-BOARD SURVEYS

On-Board Surveys

- Distributed to fixed-route bus riders
- 2,973 complete surveys returned (approximately 10% of daily riders)
- 25 questions
 - Rider demographics
 - General rider habits
 - Specific trip
 - Satisfaction with Palm Tran



2011 Rider Survey

Palm Tran is conducting a survey of passengers to help serve you better. Please take a few minutes to complete this important survey during your trip. Only one survey per customer should be completed. Thank you!!!

Instructions: Fill bubbles completely, like this Do not mark answers with X's or ✓.

Your Riding Habits

1: How long have you been riding Palm Tran bus service (select only one)?

- First time rider Less than 3 months 4 to 6 months 7 to 11 months
 1 to 2 years 3 to 5 years More than 5 years

2: How often do you ride Palm Tran buses (select only one)?

- Less than Once a Month Once or twice a month 1 Day per week
 2 to 3 days per week 4 to 5 days per week 6 to 7 days per week

3: What fare category applies to you (select only one)?

- Adult Student Senior (65 years or over) Reduced / Disabled Fare

4: Why do you ride Palm Tran (check all that apply)?

- I do not know how to drive I do not have a car available To save money
 Good for the environment Bus is more convenient Bus is safer / less stressful
 I prefer to ride the bus so I can do other things during my commute

About this trip

5: What fare did you pay for this trip (select only one)?

- Regular cash fare \$1.50 Daily Quik Pass \$4.00 31-Day Quik Pass \$60
 Reduced cash fare \$0.75 Reduced Daily Quik Pass \$2.75 Reduced 31-Day Quik Pass \$45
 Transfer from Tri-Rail \$10/\$15 TD 31-day Quik Pass Other _____

6: How did you get to the bus stop (check all that apply)?

- Walked for less than 5 minutes Walked 5 to 10 minutes Walked 11 to 15 minutes
 Walked for over 15 minutes Dropped off by auto Bicycle
 Drove and parked near bus stop Used Palm Tran CONNECTION Other _____

7: Did the bus you are on now arrive on-time?

- Yes No

8: How will you get to your destination once you get off the bus (check all that apply)?

- Walk for less than 5 minutes Walk 5 to 10 minutes Walk 11 to 15 minutes
 Walk for over 15 minutes Get a ride in a car Bicycle
 Drive yourself Use Palm Tran CONNECTION Other _____

9: What is the primary purpose of this trip (select only one)?

- Commute to / from work Business related trip Volunteer work
 School (K-12) School (college/university) Library
 Shopping / errands Visit friends Medical
 Go to church / religious event Other _____

10: Did this trip require more than one bus (check all that apply)?

- No
 Yes, transfer to / from Palm Tran: Route # _____ Yes, transfer to / from BCT: Route # _____
 Yes, transfer to / from Tri-Rail Yes, transfer to / from Palm Tran CONNECTION
 Yes, transfer to / from Community Shuttle _____ Yes, transfer to / from Other: _____

11: How would you make this trip if this bus did not exist (check all that apply)?

- Walk Bicycle Drive Taxi
 Ride with someone Get dropped off I would not make this trip

(continued on other side)

Your Thoughts About Palm Tran

12: Overall, how satisfied are you with Palm Tran?

- Very Dissatisfied Somewhat Dissatisfied Neutral Somewhat Satisfied Very Satisfied

13: How satisfied are you with each of the following?

	Very Dissatisfied	Somewhat Dissatisfied	Neutral	Somewhat Satisfied	Very Satisfied
a. How often buses run on Weekdays	<input type="radio"/>				
b. Buses that go where I want to go	<input type="radio"/>				
c. Number of buses required to make my trip	<input type="radio"/>				
d. On-time performance of buses	<input type="radio"/>				
e. Value of bus fare	<input type="radio"/>				
f. How early in the morning/late in evening buses run	<input type="radio"/>				
g. How often buses run on Saturday	<input type="radio"/>				
h. How often buses run on Sunday	<input type="radio"/>				
i. Availability of route and schedule information	<input type="radio"/>				
j. Palm Tran customer service hotline	<input type="radio"/>				
k. Helpfulness of the bus driver	<input type="radio"/>				
l. Cleanliness of buses	<input type="radio"/>				
m. Personal safety while riding the bus	<input type="radio"/>				
n. Bus driver's ability to drive	<input type="radio"/>				
o. Availability of seat on my trip	<input type="radio"/>				

14: Using the letters "a" through "o" in question 13 above, list the three areas that YOU would most like to see Palm Tran improve...

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

15: Do any of the following affect your ability to get to the bus stop (check all that apply)?

- Lack of sidewalks Lack of crosswalks High curbs Lack of pedestrian crossing symbols None

16: Which of the following do you use to get information about Palm Tran (check all that apply)?

- Customer service hotline Rider's Digest Palm Tran website Bus drivers Other _____

About You

17: How old are you?

- Under 18 18 to 24 25 to 34 35 to 44 45 to 54 55 to 64 65 or older

18: Are you ... ?

- Male Female

19: Do you have a driver's license?

- Yes No

20: How many working vehicles are available in your household?

- None One Two Three or more

21: Are you of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin?

- Yes No

22: Which of the following best describes your race (check all that apply)?

- Caucasian Asian / Pacific Islander African American
 Native American or Alaskan Native Other _____

23: Were you born in the United States or another U.S. Territory?

- Yes No

24: Which of the following best describes you?

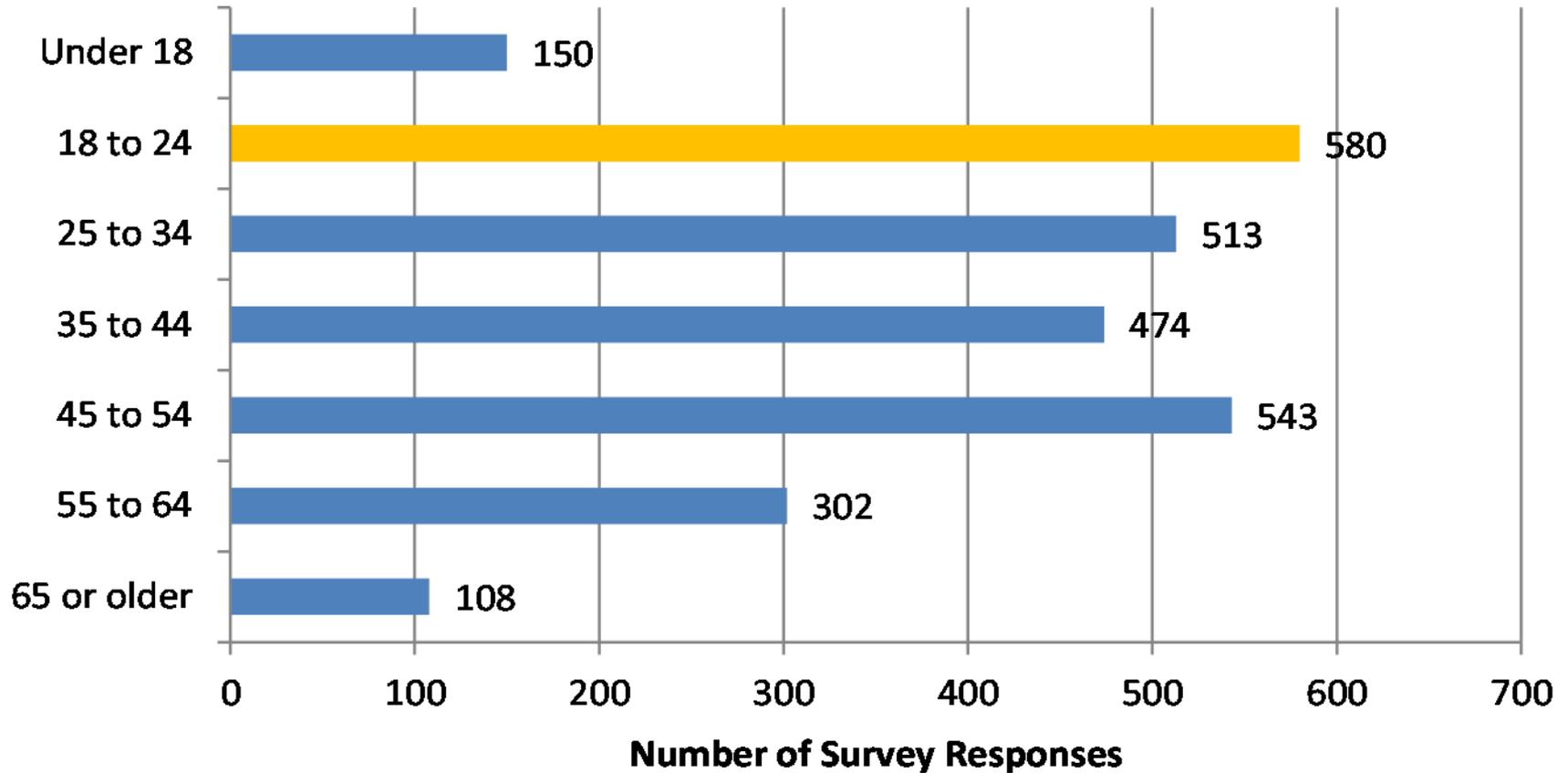
- English is my first language English my second language, but I am fluent I find it difficult to speak / understand English

25: What was your total household income for 2010?

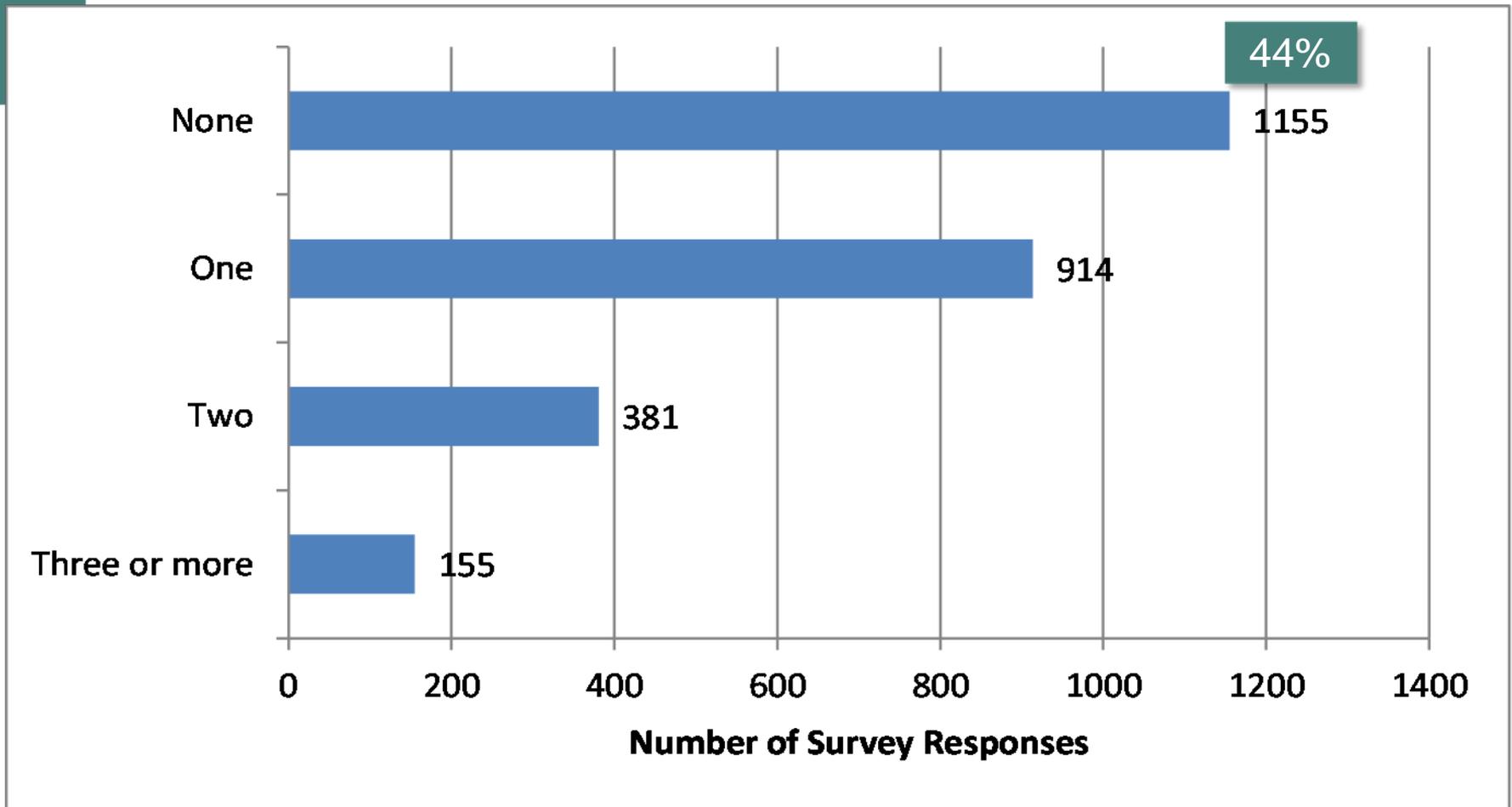
- Less than \$10,000 \$10,000 to \$19,999 \$20,000 to \$29,999
 \$30,000 to \$39,999 \$40,000 to \$49,999 \$50,000 and over

THANK YOU!!! PLEASE RETURN YOUR SURVEY TO THE INTERVIEWER.

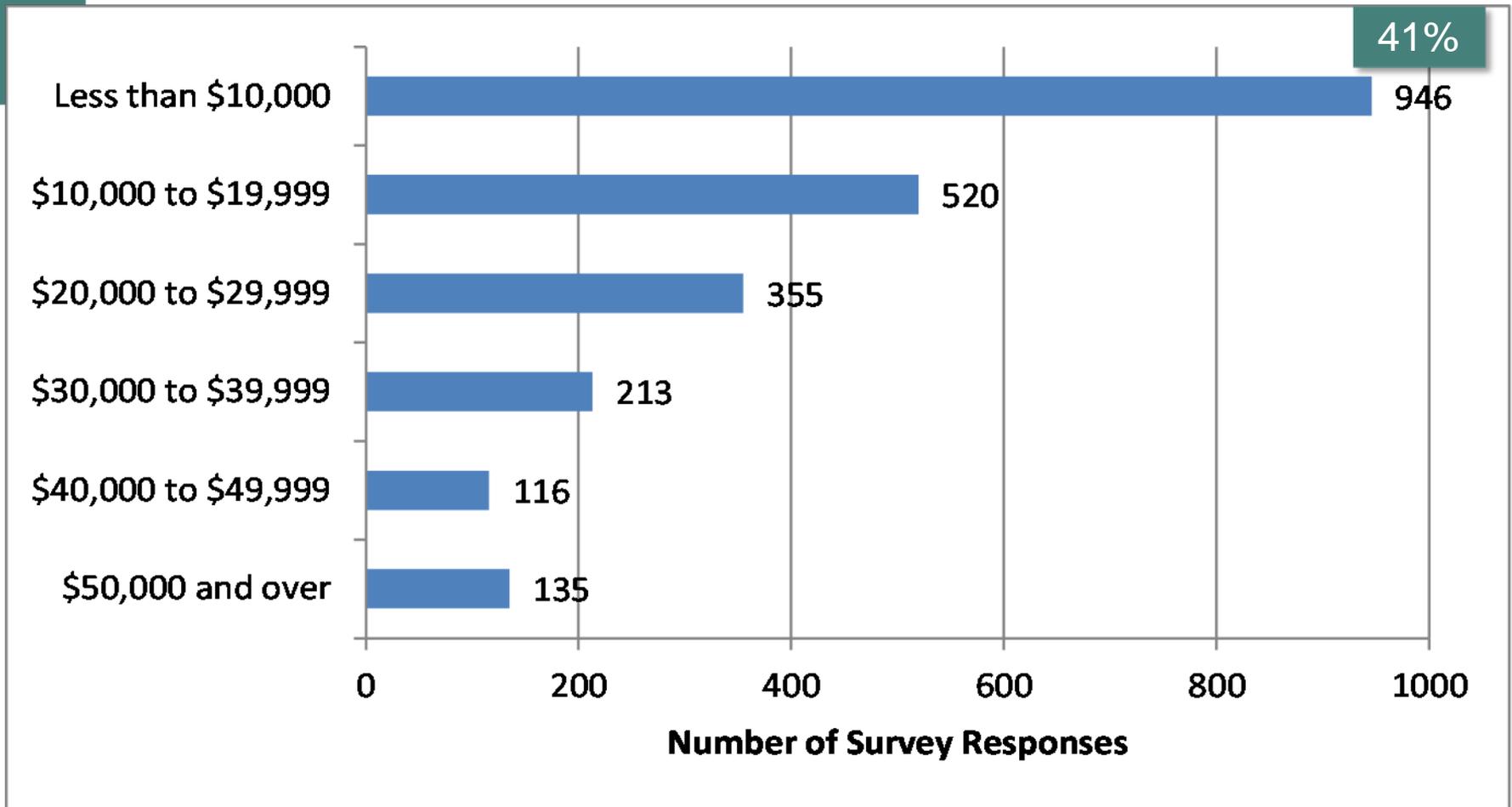
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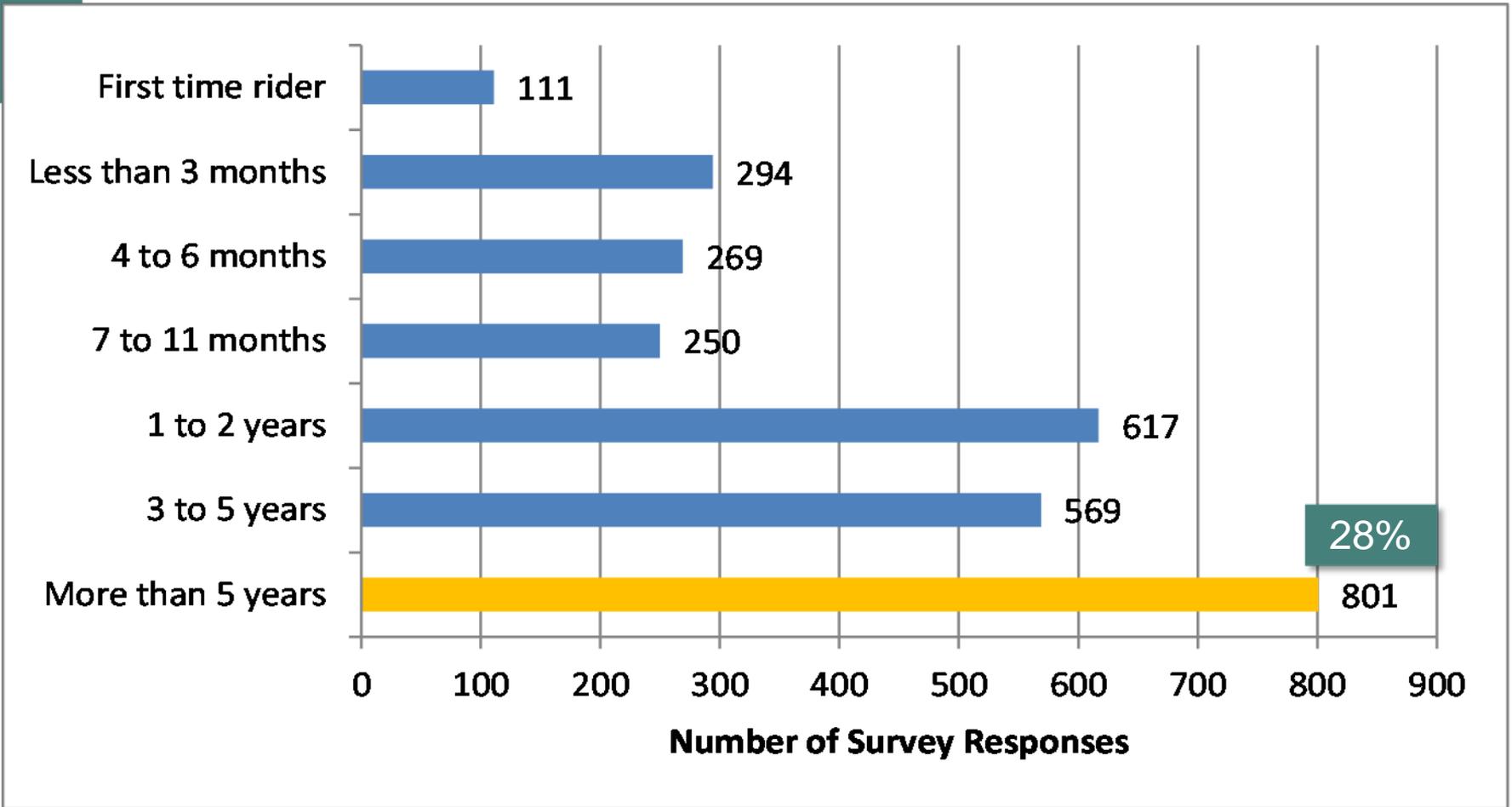
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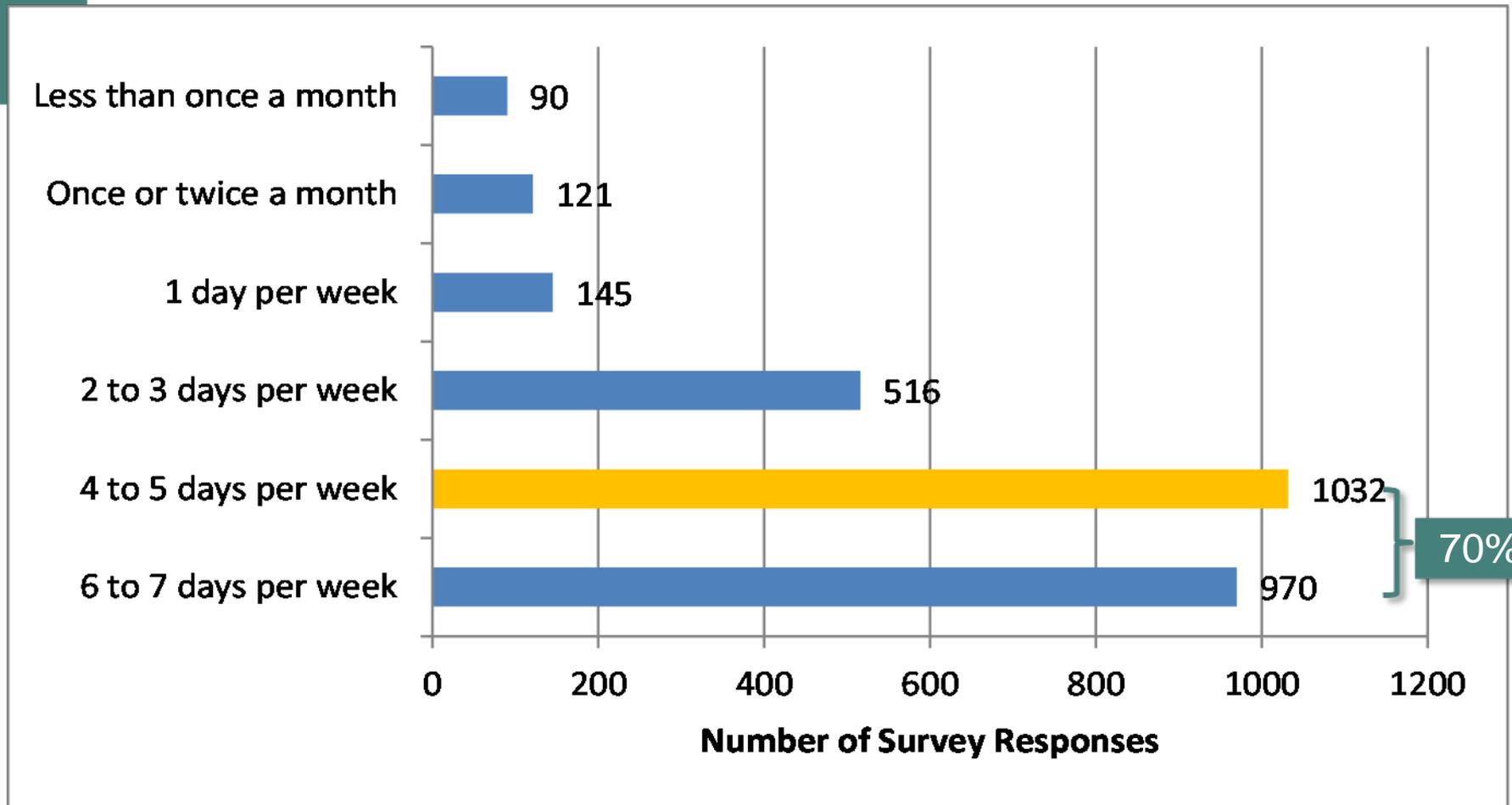
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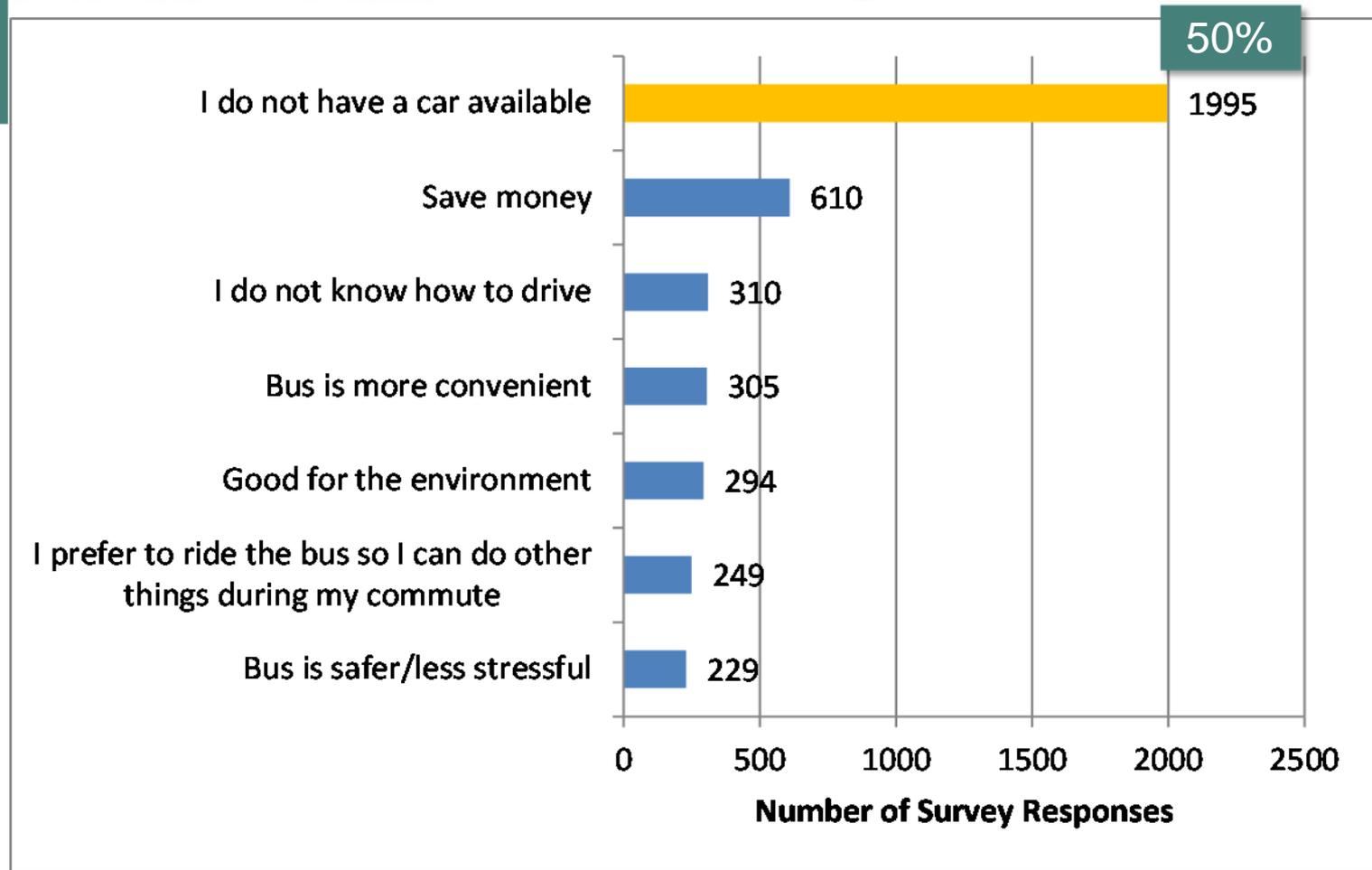
Experience with Palm Tran



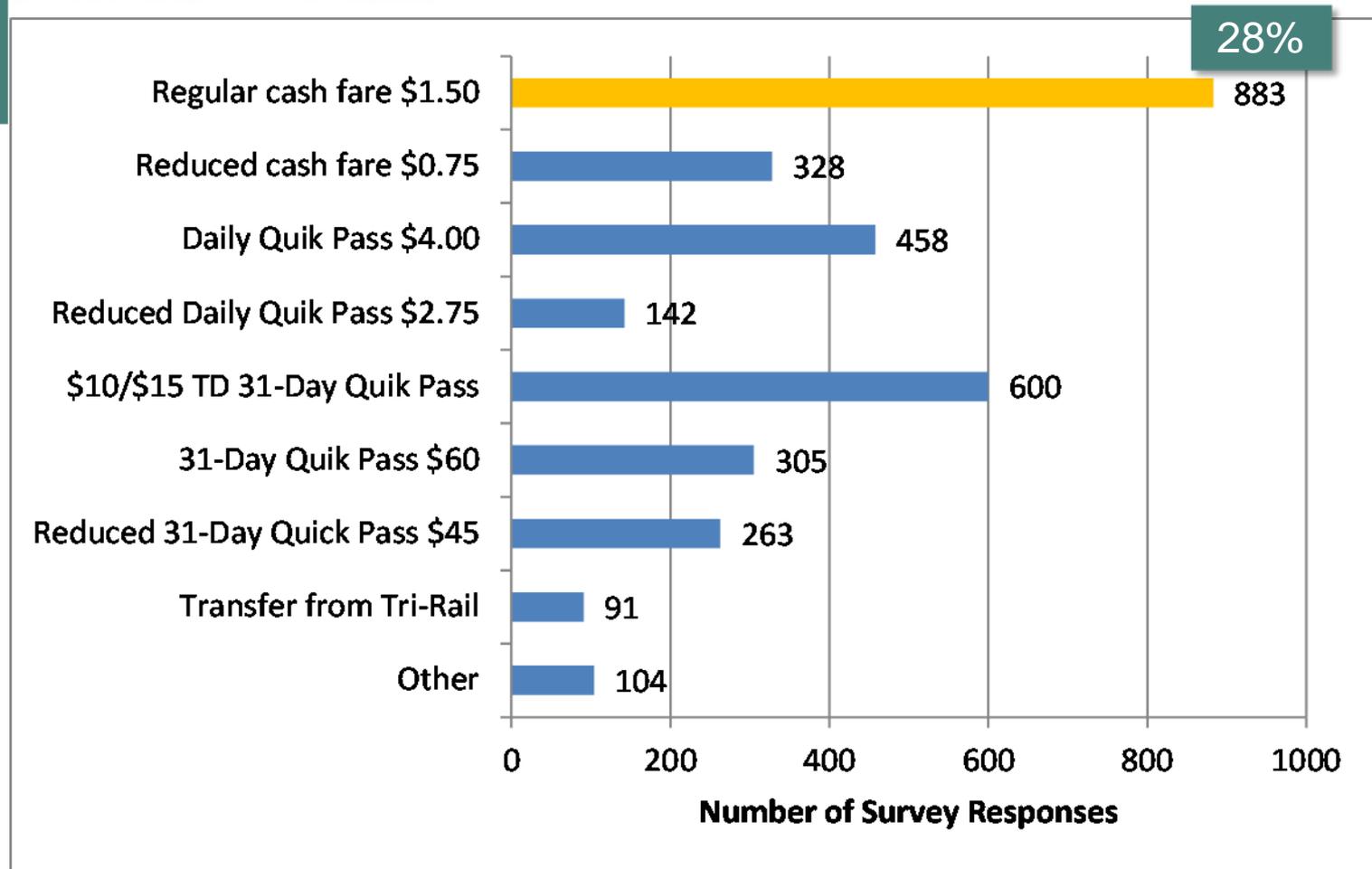
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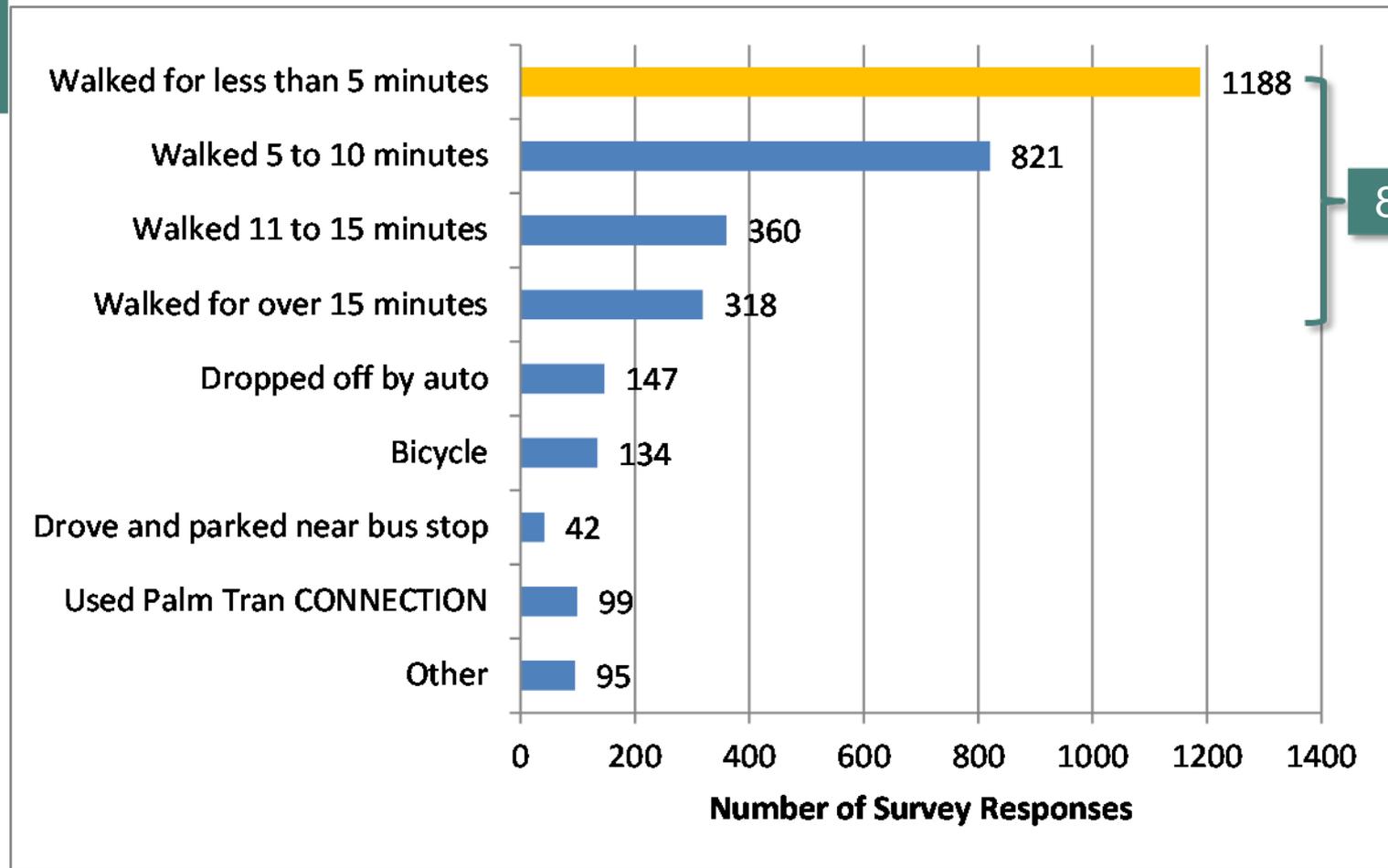
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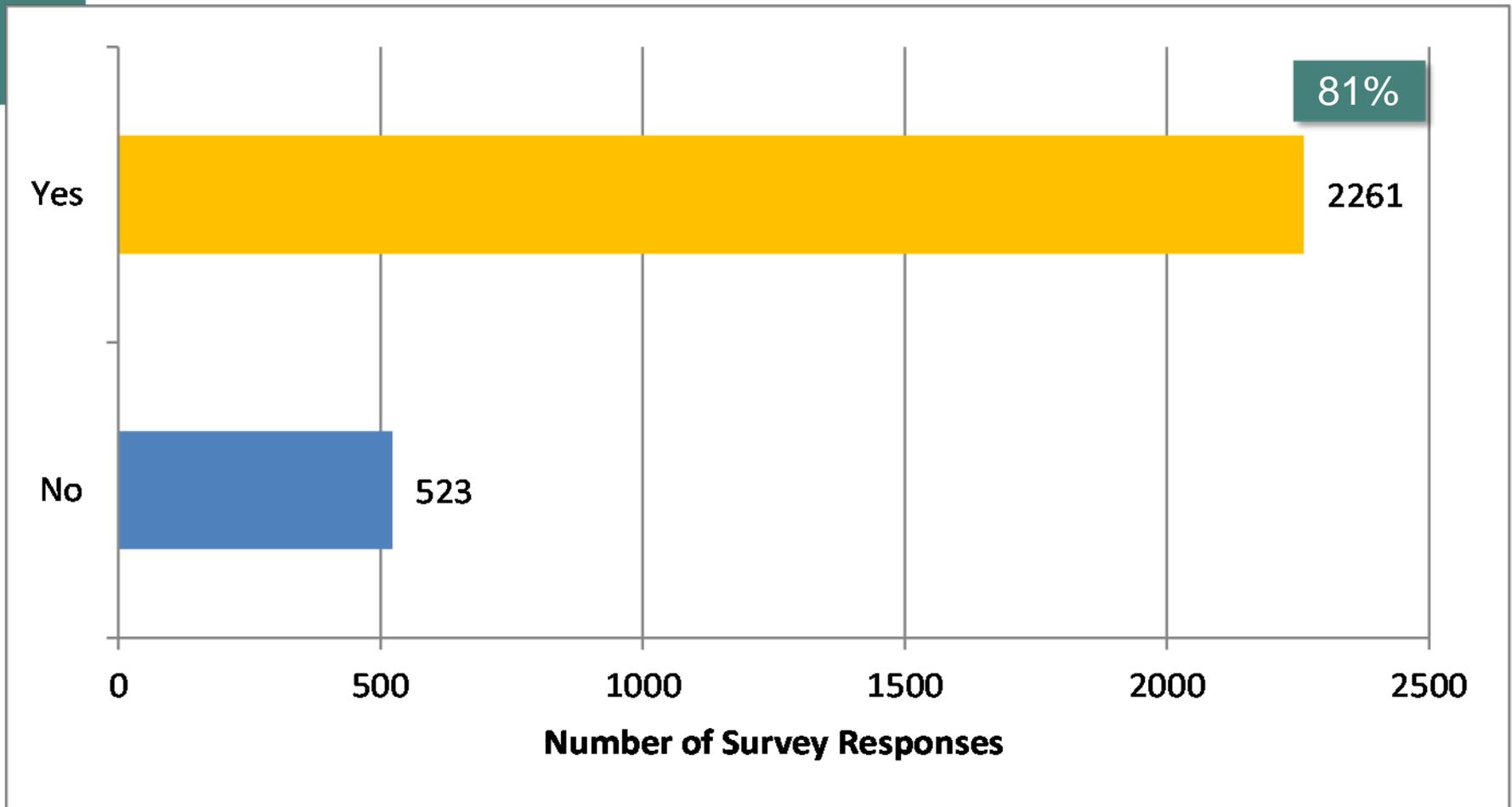
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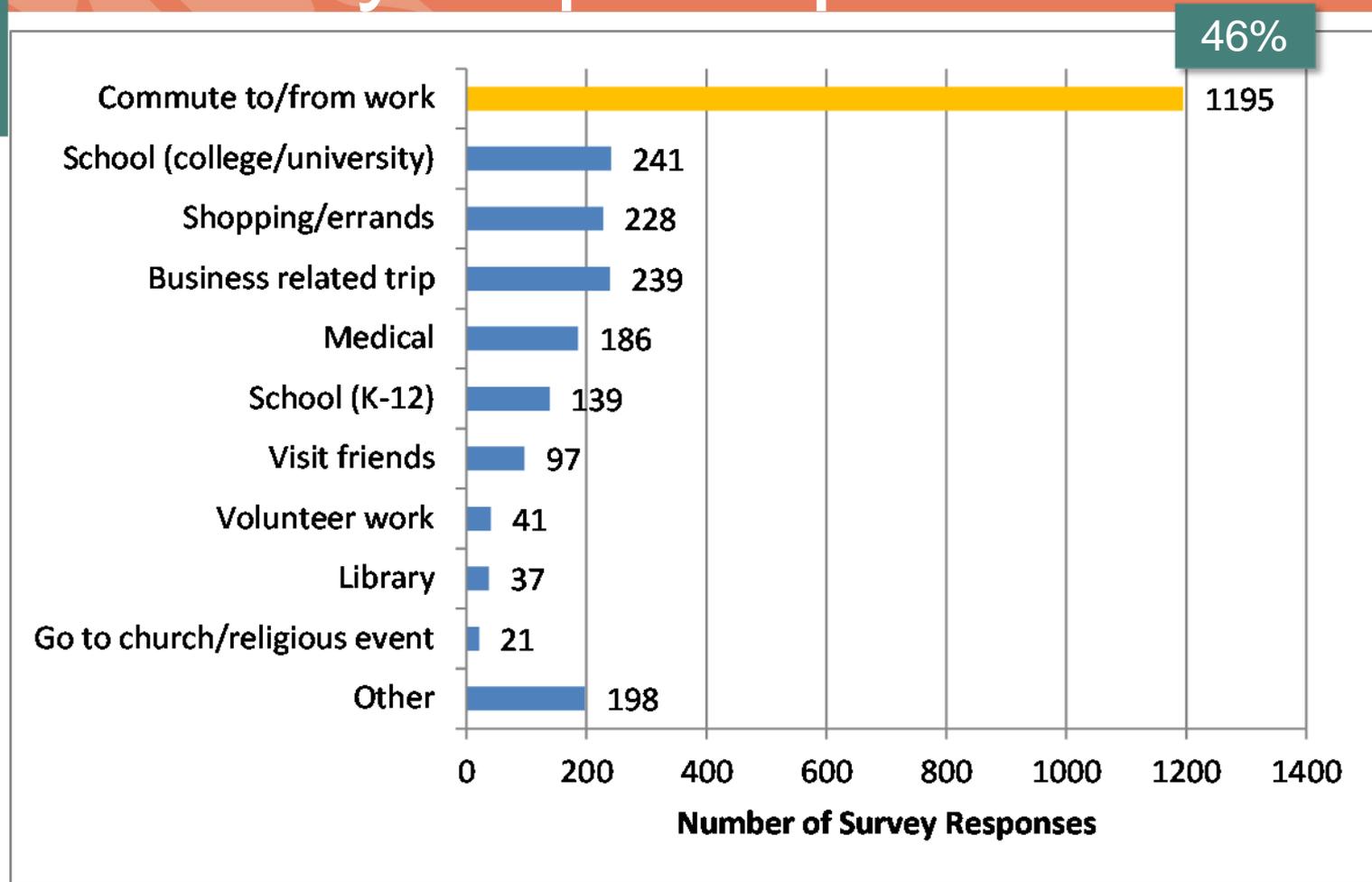
Traveling to the Bus Stop



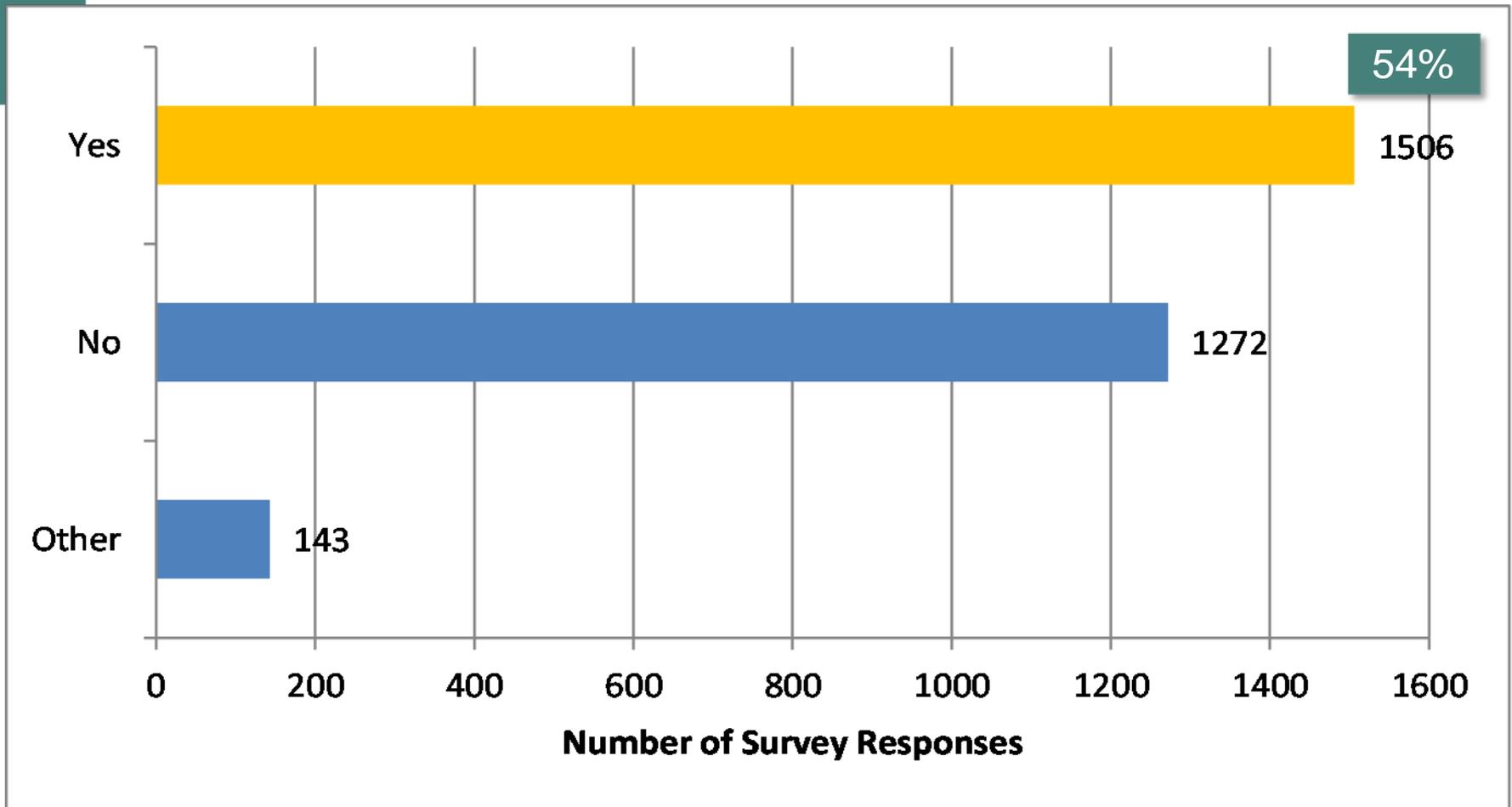
On-Time Bus Arrival



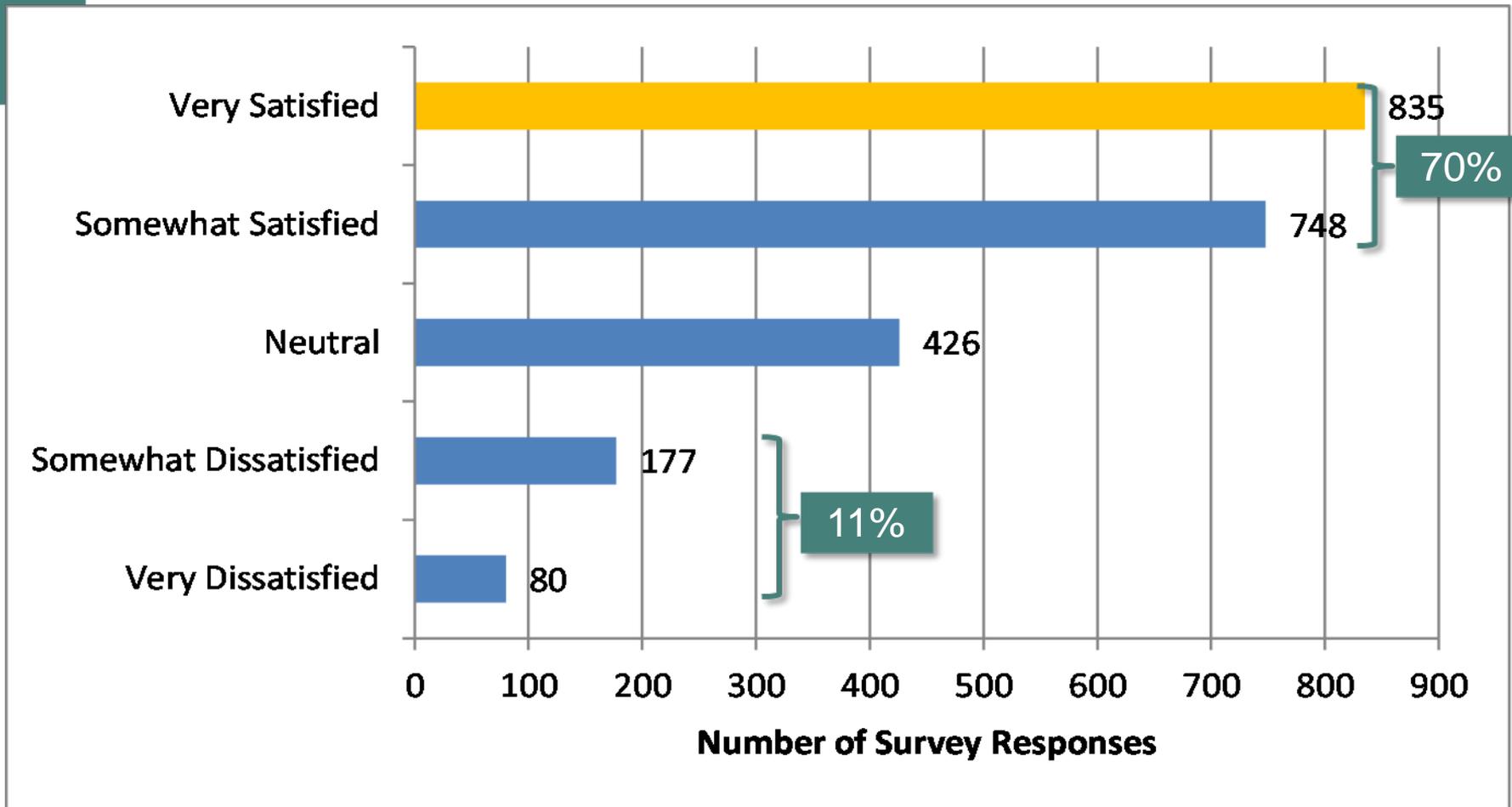
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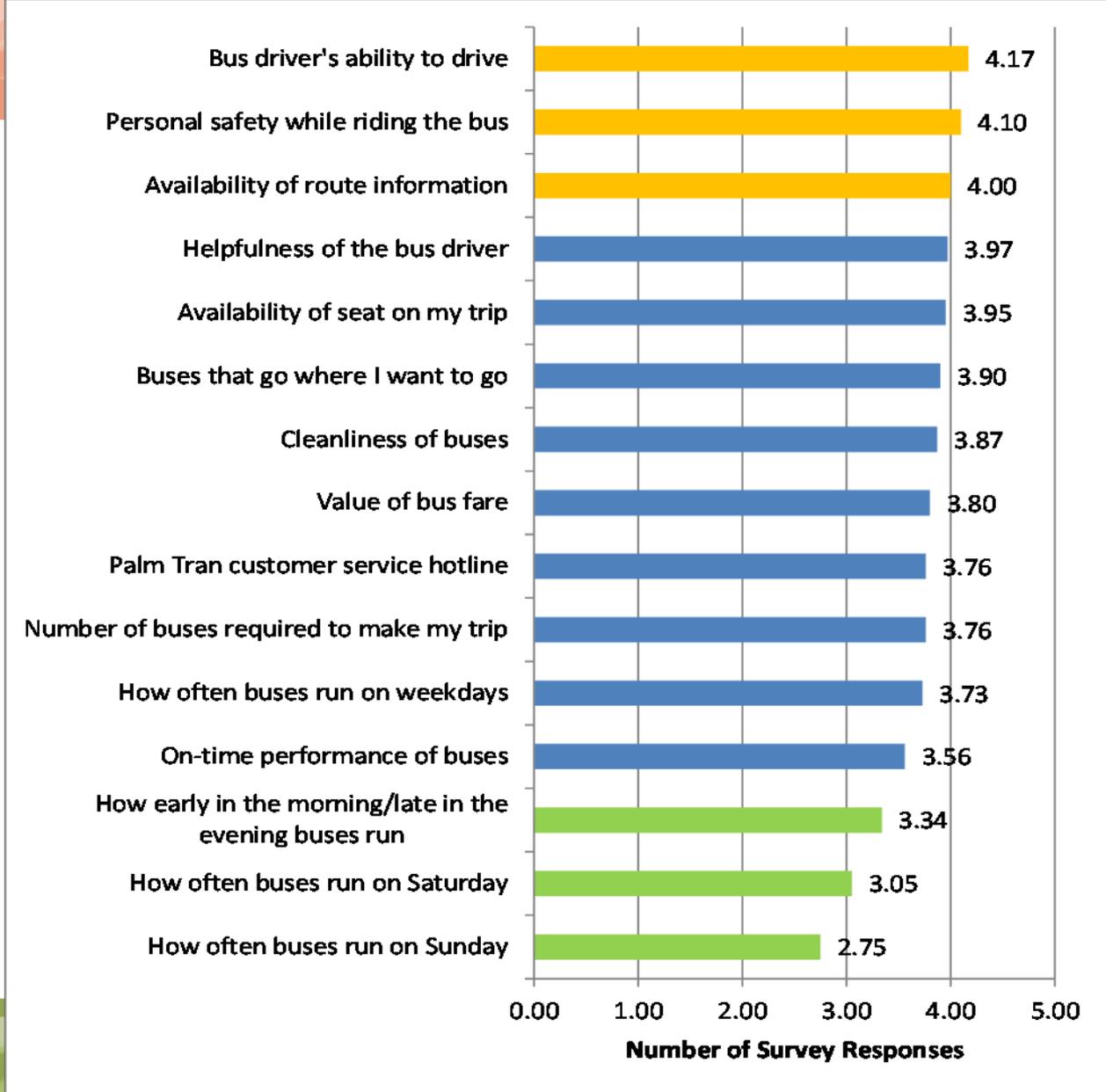
Bus Transfer Required



Overall Satisfaction

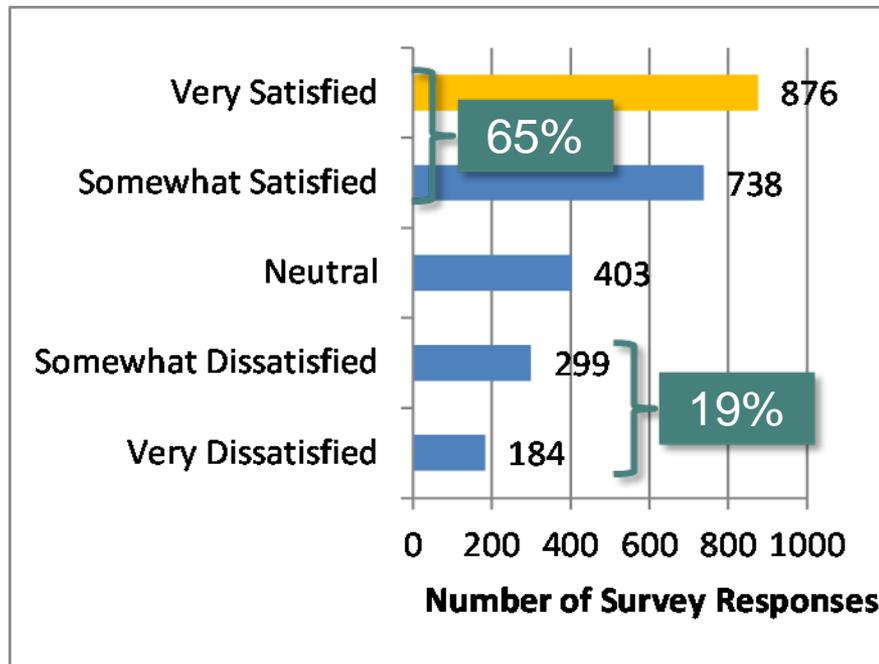


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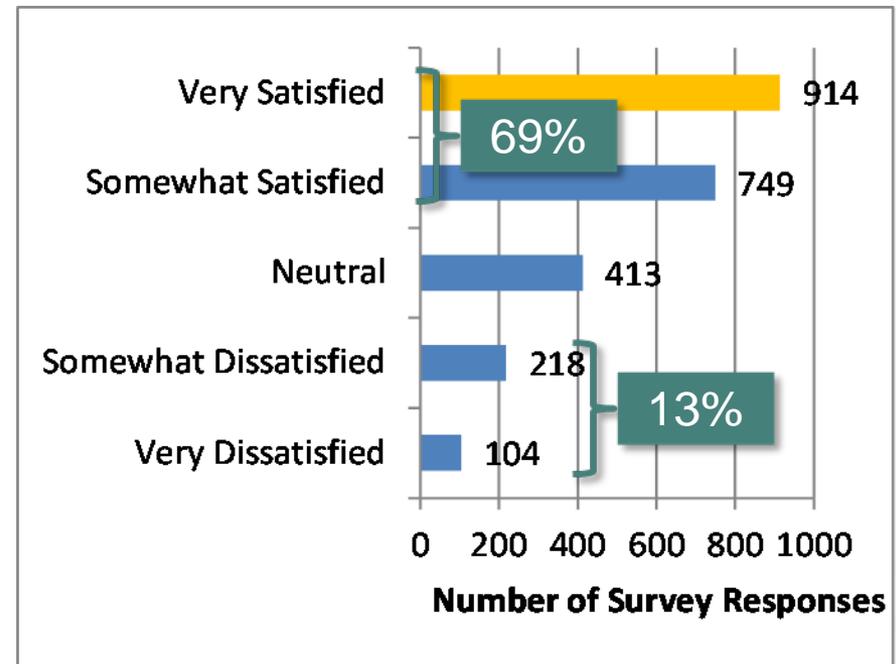


Satisfaction Breakdown

How often buses run on weekdays

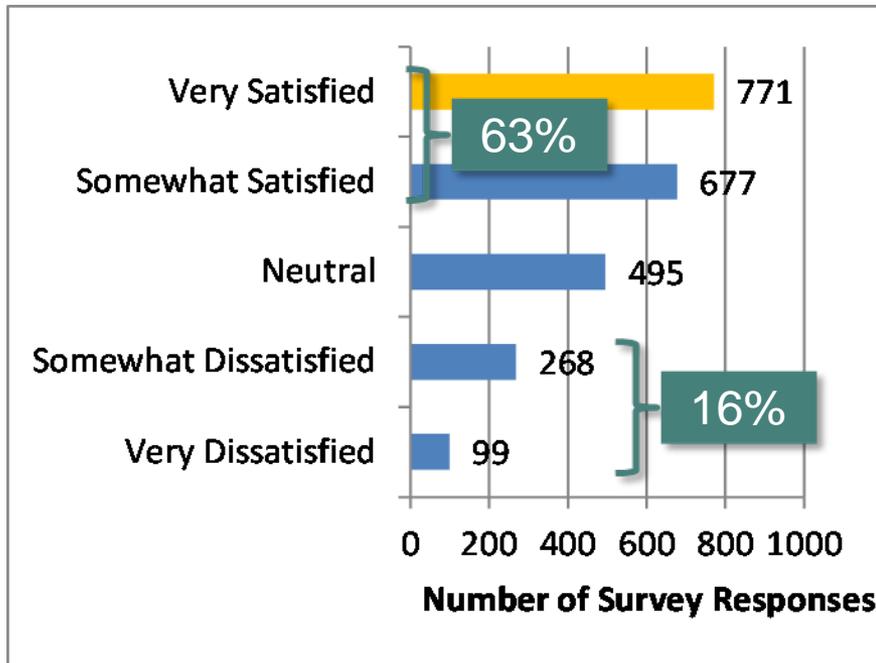


Buses that go where you want to go

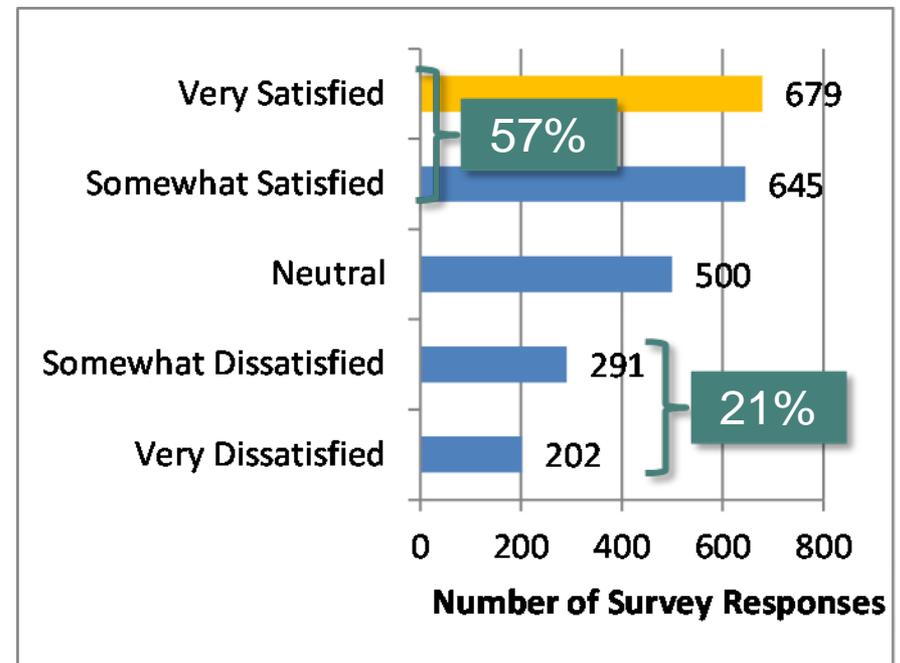


Satisfaction Breakdown

Number of buses required to make trip

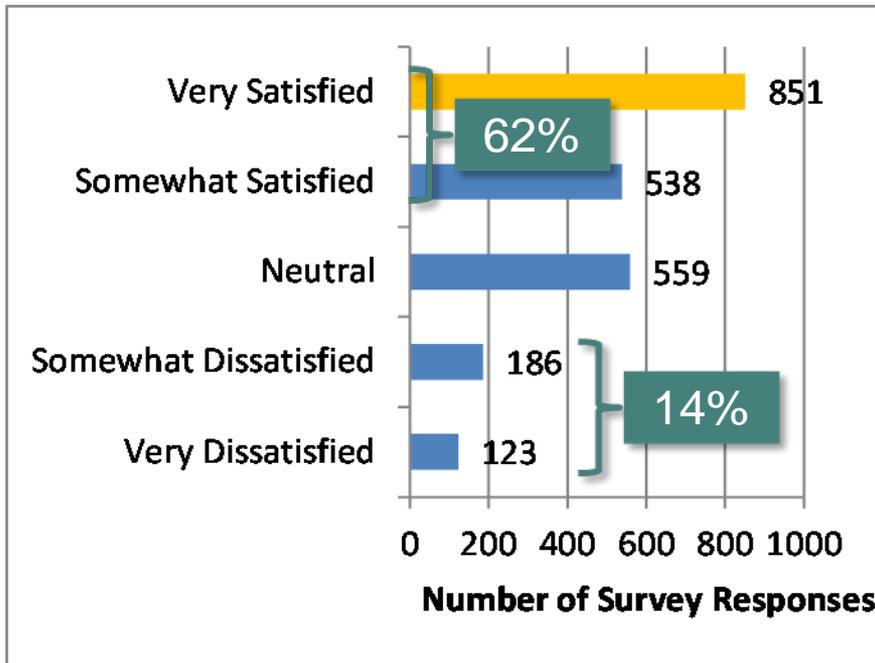


On-time performance of buses

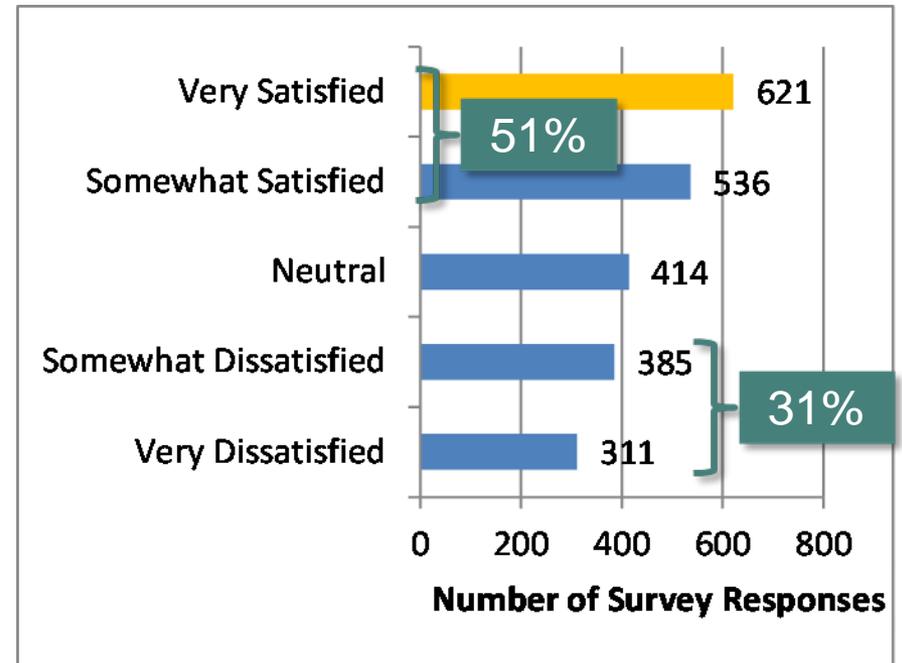


Satisfaction Breakdown

Value of bus fare

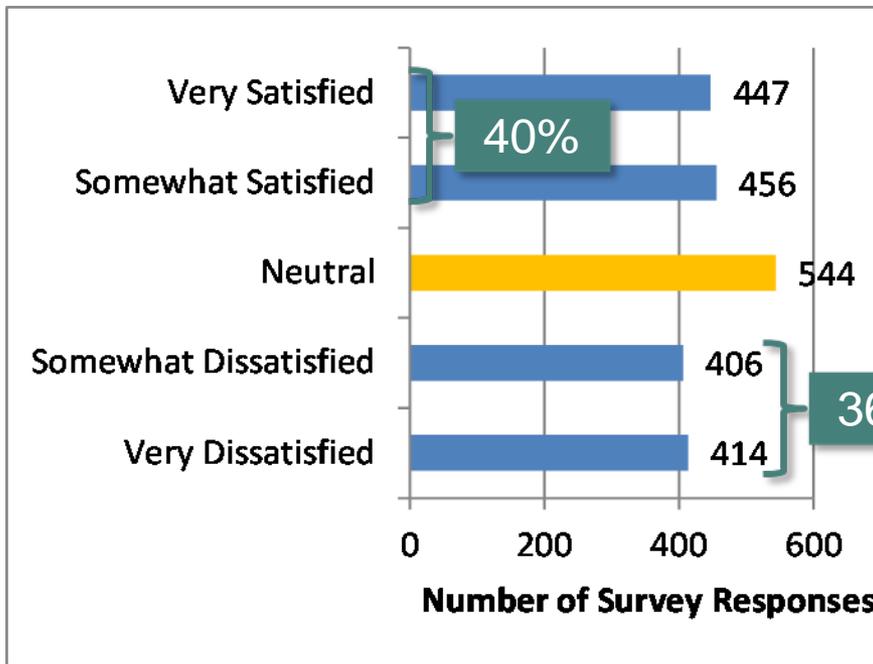


How early in the morning/late in the evening buses run

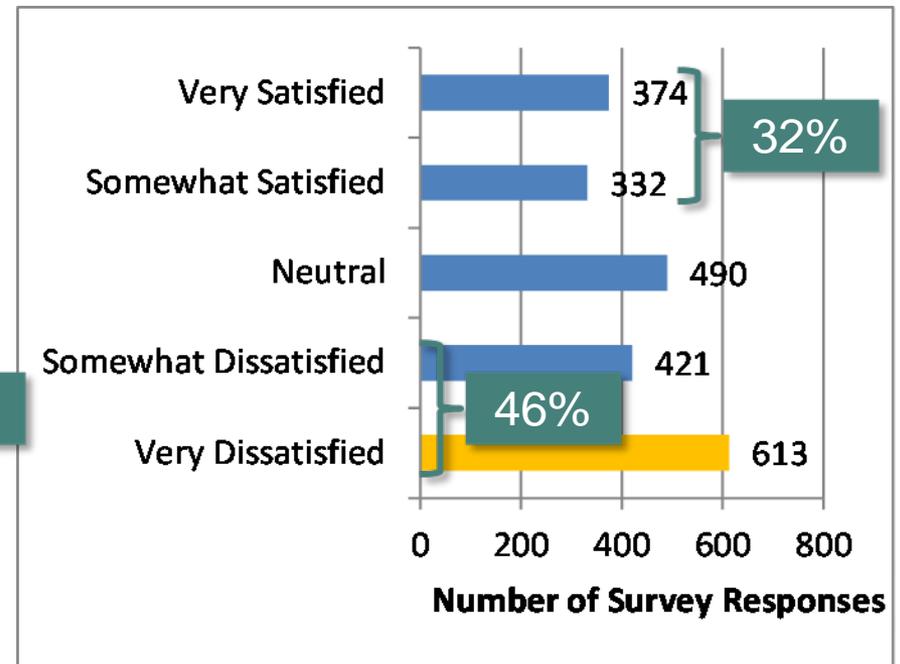


Satisfaction Breakdown

How often buses run on Saturday

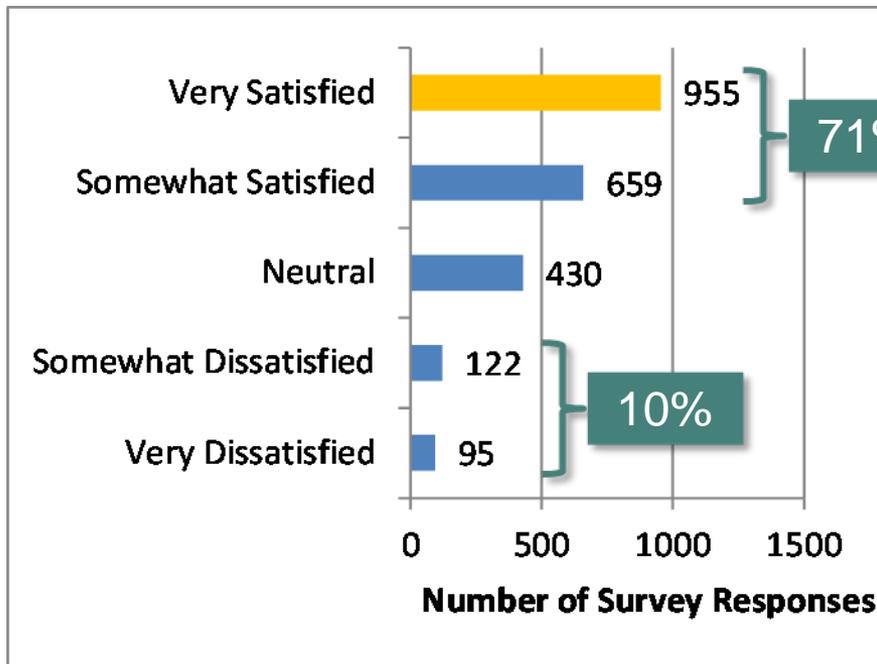


How often buses run on Sunday

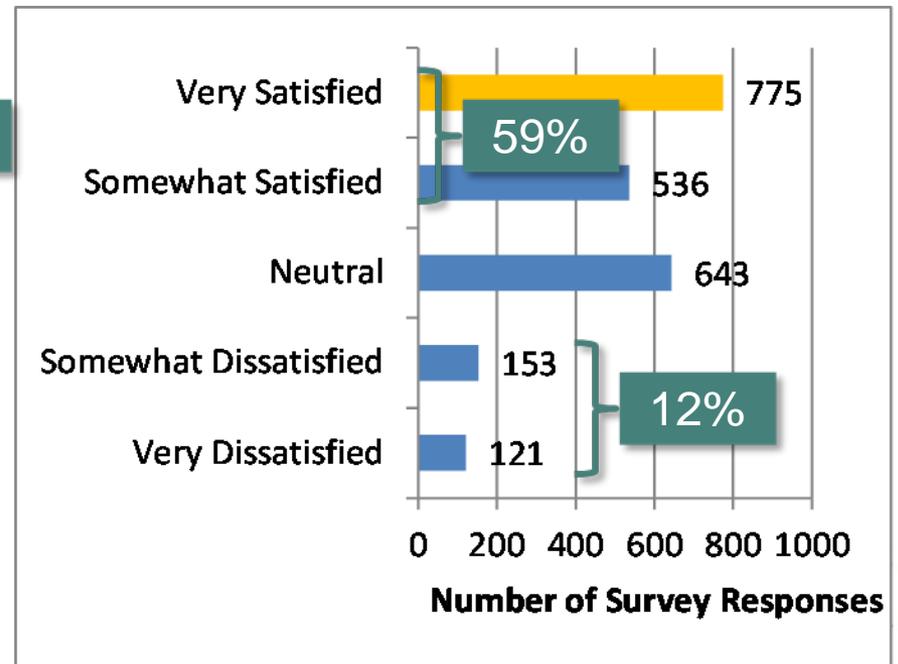


Satisfaction Breakdown

Availability of route and schedule information

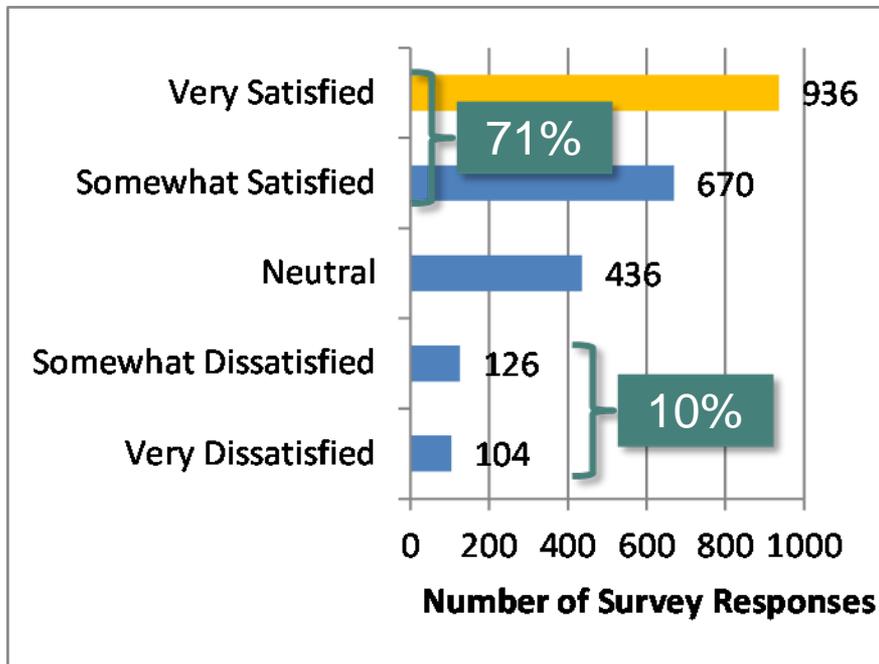


Customer service hotline

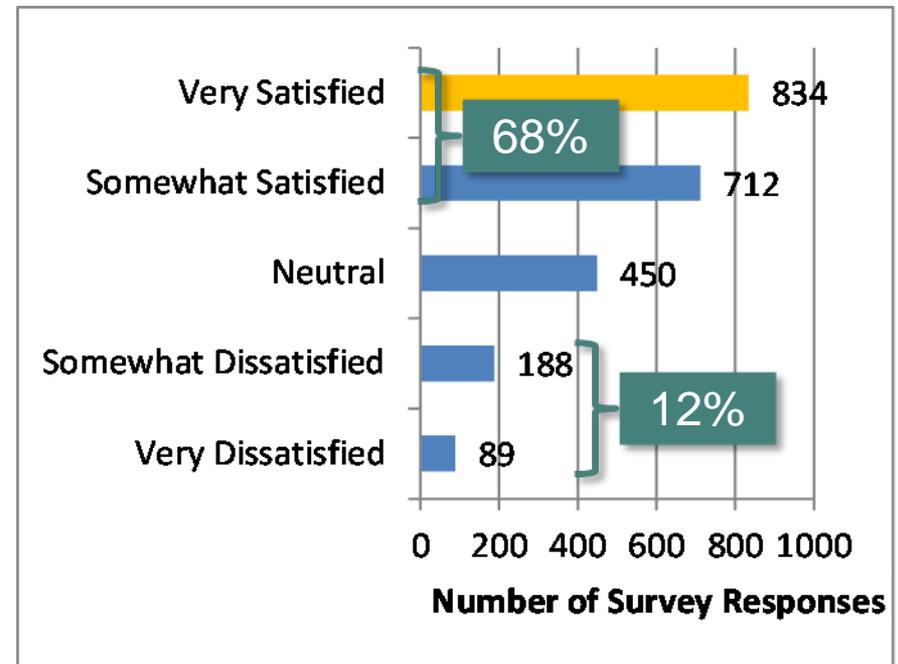


Satisfaction Breakdown

Helpfulness of the bus driver

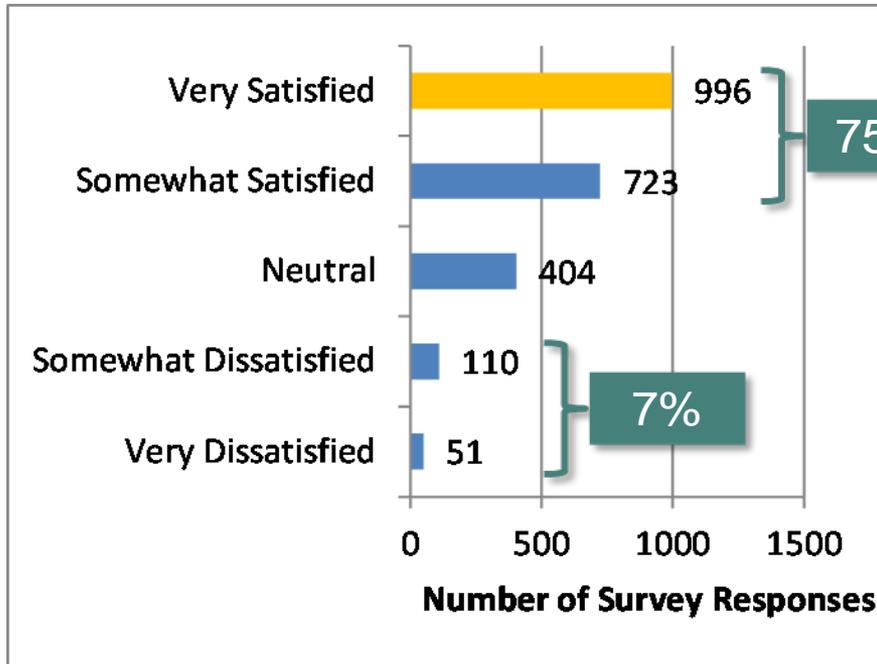


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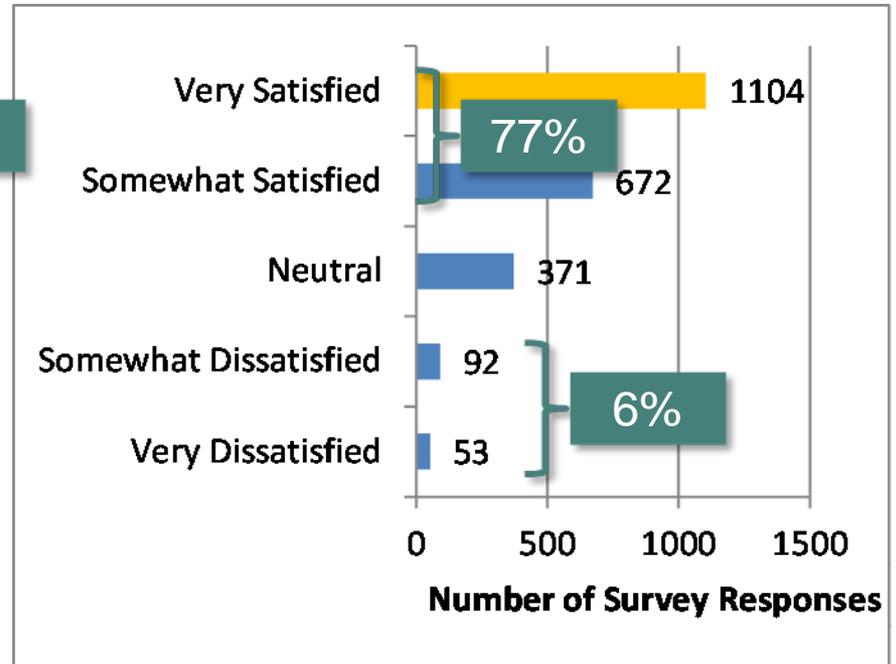


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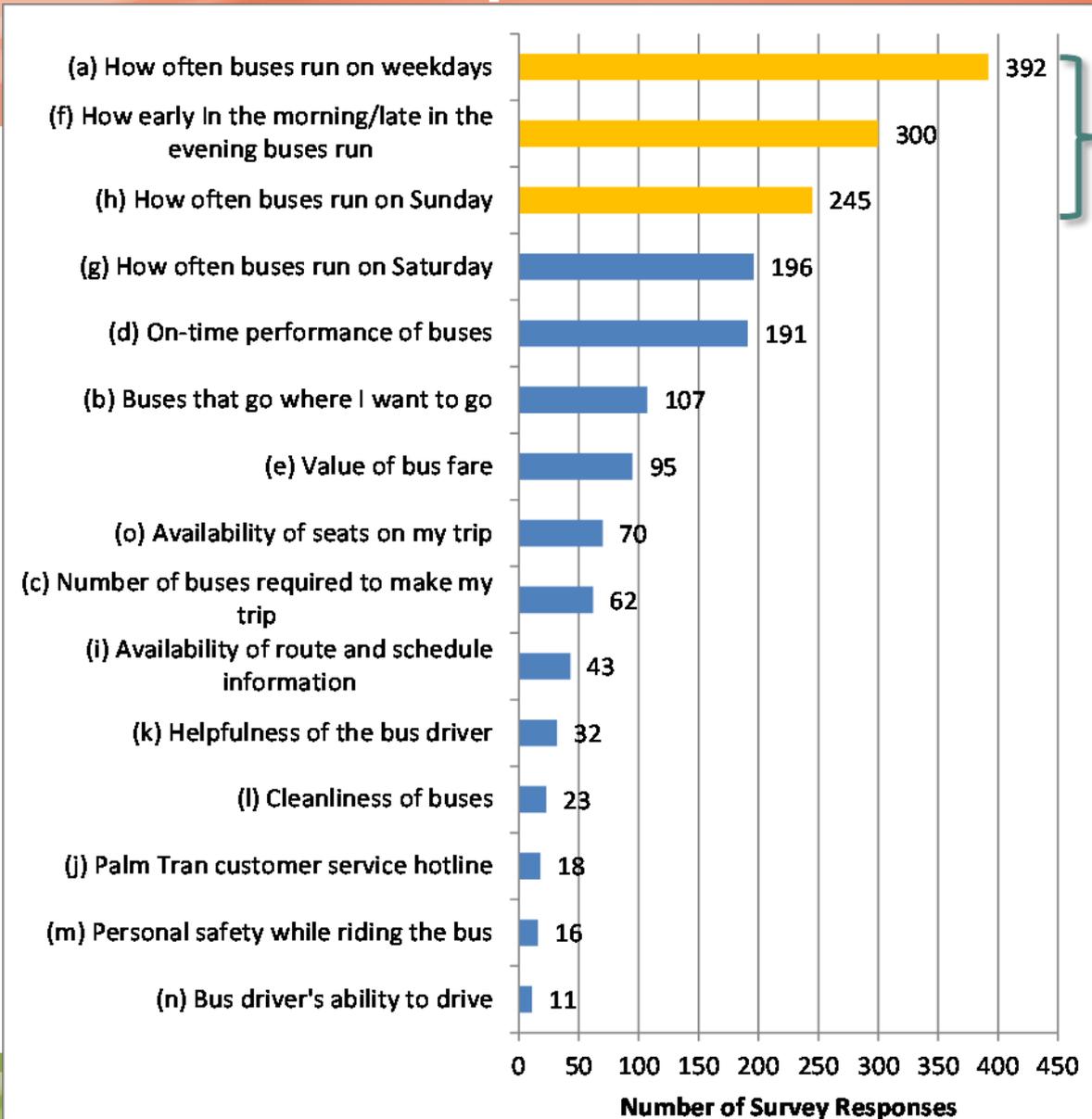
Personal safety while riding the bus



Bus driver's ability to drive



Areas of Improvement



52%

Conclusions from On-Board Surveys

- Four main areas that riders would most like to see improved
 - How often buses run on Saturday
 - How often buses run on Sunday
 - How often buses run on weekdays
 - How early in the morning/late in the evening buses run

NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Needs Assessment

- The needed improvements presented today...
 - ...are potential improvements, not recommended improvements
 - ...are the starting point for alternatives analysis
 - ...were identified through previous work tasks (including surveys)

General Needs

- Extended service spans for more evening service
- More frequent Saturday and Sunday service
- Ridership-increasing improvements
- Improved on-time performance

General Needs (continued)

- Posted schedules at all bus stops
- Trip planner
- Real-time passenger information
- Additional day of customer support
- Expanded pass options
- Electronic payment systems
- Advertising campaign to promote monthly pass sales

General Needs (continued)

- Continued deployment of automated passenger counters (APCs)
- Automatic vehicle location (AVL) on paratransit vehicles
- On-board Wi-Fi
- Next-stop annunciation
- On-board next-stop displays
- Handheld device tools

General Needs (continued)

- Shelters at key stops
- Trash cans at all stops
- Security/safety improvements at key stops
- Bus stop amenity upgrades, particularly in areas with transit-oriented development (TOD) potential
- Bus bays

Partnerships!

General Needs (continued)

- Transit preferential treatments
 - Transit signal priority (TSP)
 - Queue jumps
 - Bypass lanes
 - Exclusive lanes
- High-capacity premium transit service

Partnerships!

Specific Needs

- New service on Jog Road
- New service on US 441/SR 7
- New service on SR A1A
- Transit service within 1/4 mile of the beaches between Okeechobee Boulevard and Palmetto Park Road

Specific Needs (continued)

- Express service between Lake Worth/Dixie Highway TOD site and downtown West Palm Beach
- Faster midday service along I-95 that connects the universities
- Shuttle or trolley service from Federal Highway to Lake Worth Beach and Singer Island

Specific Needs (continued)

- Transit service in the Jupiter CRA
- Wellington shuttle/circulator
- Service to Caridad Center
- Service to Indiantown
- Additional park-and-ride lots



CONCLUSION

Next Steps

- Alternatives analysis
- Develop needs plan
- Develop financial plan
- Prepare draft TDP

Opportunities for Input

- Talk to us after this meeting
- Call or e-mail us
 - fstubbs@pbcgov.org
 - kblume@kittelerson.com
- Visit www.palmtranTDP.com



SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
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INFORMATION ITEM REPORT

Information Item Presentation

JOB ACCESS REVERSE COMMUTE (JARC)
AND NEW FREEDOM (NF) PROGRAMS

SUMMARY EXPLANATION AND BACKGROUND:

Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) and New Freedom (NF) are two programs administered by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). The JARC program has assisted individuals successfully transitioning from welfare to work by addressing the unique transportation challenges faced by welfare recipients and low-income persons seeking to get and keep jobs. The New Freedom program was established to support new public transportation services and public transportation alternatives beyond those required by the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990. In order to prevent the Miami Urbanized Area (UZA) from losing funding through these programs, the SFRTA agreed in 2009 to become the region's designated recipient.

Updates have been given at recent PTAC meetings on the progress and status of applications from past years, as well as the preparations for the upcoming JARC and NF funding cycle. At the July 13 PTAC meeting, SFRTA staff will provide a brief update on these continued JARC and NF efforts.

EXHIBITS ATTACHED: None

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TRI-RAIL STATION AREA AND CONNECTING TRANSIT MAPS

SUMMARY EXPLANATION AND BACKGROUND:

Over the past year, SFRTA Planning staff has worked to improve SFRTA/Tri-Rail's existing mapping products and create new visual aids to inform and assist transit riders. A recent initiative has been the development of new, user-friendly maps showing Tri-Rail stations, key points of interest within station vicinities, and all connecting transit services. These new maps are in draft form and have not been finalized.

The draft Tri-Rail station area and connecting transit maps will be shared with committee members at the July 13 PTAC meeting. Committee feedback will be sought on the accuracy of connecting transit routes and various other map features. When finalized in the coming weeks, the maps will be installed on information boards at Tri-Rail stations and posted online at www.tri-rail.com.

EXHIBITS ATTACHED: None (draft maps to be distributed at meeting)

