

## SUMMARY OF QUESTIONNAIRE RESPONSES BRAMPTON TRANSPORTATION AND TRANSIT MASTER PLAN PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETING October 23, 2002

There were 48 responses. The inputs are summarized below. Numbers in parenthesis refer to questionnaire ID. The questionnaire results indicate that:

- **Brampton residents prefer to drive.** Almost ninety percent of recipients indicated that they drive more than four times per week, which is almost seven times more than transit usage for the same period. The most frequent cited reasons for driving were convenience, in terms of the length of trip, weather, and location of destination. Other reasons include the need of carrying purchases and business use.
- **Despite having access to public transit, the majority of residents do not use it.** While more than three in four recipients (77%) have access to public transit, less than one in five (17%) use it in an average month. The main reasons that prevent recipients from taking transit are convenience, in terms of location of destination(s), duration and length of trip. Other reasons include poor transit connection and accessibility.
- **Walking and cycling are important modes of travel in Brampton.** About three quarters of recipients (73%) indicated they walk to destinations in the past month and one-quarter (25%) include they cycle. While recipients stated a preference for transit use over cycling, they rode a bicycle more often than transit.

Recipients expressed their major transportation challenges as follows:

- Congestion, time of travel and stress
- Traffic (mostly in terms of access and signals)
- Public transit improvement
- Highway 410 improvement
- Bovaird Drive improvement

Recipients expressed their preferred major transportation improvements as follows:

- Roads widening and extension
- Public transit/GO Services improvement
- Traffic (mostly in terms of signal coordination, access and traffic calming)
- Development hold-backs and better planning
- Bike lane and carpool/bus lane

Q1. *What travel modes have you used in the past month?  
Please rank your preferred modes of travel (1 being the most preferred, 4 being the least)*

	Travel Mode in the past month	Preferred Mode of Travel
<b>Bicycle</b>	12 (25%)	4
<b>Walking</b>	35 (73%)	2
<b>Car</b>	40 (83%)	1
<b>Transit</b>	7 (15%)	3

The column "Travel Mode in the Past Month" represents the number of respondents selecting the travel mode that they have used in the past month. Selecting multiple

choices is allowed. Preferred mode of travel is gathered by summing up the points of the respondents (1 being the most preferred, 4 being the least). The mode with least points is the most preferred mode.

*In a typical week, how many times do you use public transit in Brampton? How many times do you drive a car?*

	<b>Taking Transit</b>	<b>Drive a Car</b>
<b>None</b>	40 (83%)	2 (4%)
<b>Once/week</b>	1 (2%)	1 (2%)
<b>2-3 Times/week</b>	1 (2%)	2 (4%)
<b>More than 4 times</b>	6 (13%)	42 (88%)

Q2. *Do you have access to car, bicycle, and/or public transit? How many vehicles are there in your household? What factors determine whether you drive a car, or use public transit?*

	<b>Car</b>	<b>Bicycle</b>	<b>Public Transit</b>
Number of respondents having access to the modes of travel	43 (90%)	23 (48%)	37 (77%)

<b>Number of Vehicles in Household</b>	<b>Number of Respondents</b>
<b>0</b>	4 (8%)
<b>1</b>	10 (21%)
<b>2</b>	25 (52%)
<b>3</b>	7 (15%)
<b>4</b>	2 (4%)

<b>Factors to Determine Modal Choice</b>	<b>Driving a Car?</b>	<b>Taking Transit?</b>
Length of Trip	33 (69%)	11 (23%)
Weather	29 (60%)	8 (17%)
Location of Destination(s)	29 (60%)	17 (35%)
Time of Day	17 (35%)	8 (17%)
Convenience	32 (67%)	16 (33%)
Duration of Trip	18 (38%)	11 (23%)
Other	9 (19%)	12 (25%)

Other factors to determine whether driving a car or not:

Need of carrying purchases (20, 25, 39)

Business use (5)

Convenience/laziness (18)

Do not own a car (31)

5 Respondents indicate that public transit is not feasible. Other factors to determine whether taking transit or not:

Accessibility (37, 38)

Buses do not keep scheduling and sometimes passing by, poor connection (4)

Poor support, lack of train/subway (5)

Unable to drive (6)

Frequency (12)

Too many stops/transfers (19)

Parking problems (24)

Location, cost, speed, comfort (27)

Air-conditioning of buses and unionization of employees (28)

Cost (30)

Q3. *What are your top three transportation challenges?*

**Major challenges:**

Congestion/time of travel/gridlock/stress (1, 5, 11, 13, 19, 20, 23, 26, 27, 29, 34, 42, 46, 47)  
 Traffic: access/light/parking/street width/sidewalk (6, 9, 24, 25, 34)  
 Better GO Service/Transit service (7, 21, 33, 40, 44)  
 Highway 410 Improvement (14, 22, 30, 45)  
 Bovaird Drive Improvement (14, 17)  
 Truck traffic (35, 48)  
 Improve roads out of the City (8)  
 Improve traffic on Queen Street (10)

**Other challenges:**

Noise from highway (24)

Q4. *What are the top three transportation improvements you would like to see?*

**Major improvements:**

Roads widening/extension (1, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 25, 27, 34, 42, 44, 45, 47)  
 Improve transit/GO services: more direct bus routes (4, 8, 12, 22, 24, 30, 31, 33, 39, 40, 43, 46, 48)  
 Traffic: stop signs, traffic lights, access (3, 7, 15, 16, 19, 37, 38)  
 Hold back development (20, 26, 41)  
 Bike lane/carpool/bus lane (21, 23, 28)  
 Increase patrolling (29)

**Other improvements:**

Truck access, route widening/improvement (16, 34)  
 Access to Clark Drive /Central Street/Kennedy Road (39, 47)  
 Parking on Queen Street (44)  
 Rail to airport (46)  
 Improve transportation to schools (3)  
 Better planning for construction (7)

Q5. *Do you have any other comments you would like to share?*

Hold back development (34, 44, 45, 47)  
 Better planning; coordination of levels of government (9, 43)  
 More efficient GO service (16)  
 Bus shelters (38)  
 Designated truck routes (24)  
 Traffic calming (48)

**Demographics:**

Age Group	Under 15	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	54-64	65+
	1 (2%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	6 (13%)	8 (17%)	11 (23%)	12 (25%)	8 (17%)

Gender	Male	Female
	28 (58%)	18 (38%)