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Question 14. What would make you use public transportation to a greater extent?

1. A clearer bus system - you sometimes really have to study it in order to understand when and where you're going.
2. Availability. I would love it if Columbia had more public transportation. I did not drive hardly at all when I lived/worked in Iowa City (a even smaller town--had much better public transportation which I took to work, to school, and to shop and other recreation)
3. Available at more locations
4. Closer stop to my house with a more direct route to school and more friendly drivers
5. Convenience of the boarding locations.
6. Direct Routes from Home to School
7. Easier available information about lines timetable, stops etc. More frequent service.
8. Easy Access
9. Extended days and hours of operation
10. Extended destinations, not just around campus.
11. Extreme Gas Price Increase Car Breaks Down Desperation
12. Faster trip time to campus (trowbridge)
13. Free/cheap. Close to my house. Hourly/more frequent times.
14. Gas prices going up
15. Greater number of stops at Columbia Mall, Green Tennis Center, etc.
16. Has to be reliable! Prof. don't care if the bus made you late for class. Still need the bus to run during bad weather. I'm still expected to go to school and work even if it is snowing or raining outside. Can't rely on the bus if it cuts its routes in half during bad weather.
17. Having several stop in and around campus that would be convenient to use. Supply a bus map to all new students in the University and have them available in all of the Residence halls.
18. I live about a mile from campus, but according to the bus schedule I would have to take three different buses to get there. That is way too confusing for eight in the morning.
19. If buses came more often to and from campus...
20. If I didn't live on campus or if I didn't have a car.
21. If I felt more safe on the bus. If the cleanliness of the buses were consistent and did not smell like urine or vomit every other time I get on. If the times the buses ran were more in line with when I need to be somewhere.
22. If I had service in my neighborhood
23. If I knew exactly where the locations were to be picked up. If I knew the exact times of pick-up. If it was safe.
24. If I knew how to use it.
25. If I knew the routes, schedules, and prices better.
26. If I needed to go shopping more often
27. If I wasn't such a chicken to try it out...I'm afraid I would embarrass myself.

28. If it actually run every 20 minutes like it's supposed to, if the buses didn't stop early at night when they aren't supposed to stop until 1am
29. If it came around more times during the day, and if it were free
30. If it came by Old Hwy 63 and had a bus stop
31. If it came more often
32. If it came to my neighborhood. It would be especially helpful if the buses came to mostly student neighborhoods such as Jefferson Commons, Bearfield, Rolling Rock, and Grindstone Apartments to transport students to and from University events (i.e. MU football, basketball) or even to daily class without having to walk down to Nifong/Providence and then catch a bus.
33. If it served Scott Blvd
34. If it was available exactly when I needed it, they were reliable, and could take me anywhere I wanted for no charge.
35. If it was more convenient and cheaper
36. If it was more frequent, ran later, greater number of destinations
37. If it was offered to more places, and was updated so that the buses were more environmentally friendly and that they weren't so crowded, esp. to and from the commuter lots.
38. If it wasn't so crowded in the mornings. And if it dropped closer in campus.
39. If it were free or really cheap.
40. If the bus came by my house and dropped us off on campus frequently
41. If the bus came more frequently
42. If the bus came to my neighborhood in Valleyview, I would really like to be more environmentally oriented!
43. If the bus driver wasn't required to make so many unnecessary stops on his route. This could be achieved, by having individual busses with separate routes. This could be done by either designating a route for each bus to a specific area on campus, or have a specific destination for each bus (for example: designate one bus for stopping outside of Laws Hall, Brady Commons and Mark Twain Hall go only Downtown (a.k.a. Broadway and 8th) and have another bus only stop at Brady Comm
44. If the buses came more frequently. I often wait 40 minutes at the bus station because of them times offered.
45. If the buses ran at a more constant pace. There is a lot of down time between bus rides on campus.
46. If the buses would go farther, come more often, and run later. Also, Sunday service would be great.
47. If the busses ran over by my part of town, I'd gladly ride the bus to campus or to go shopping instead of spending gas, but the bus only runs near Forum on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday for the movies, and only goes between Forum Theater and Hollywood Theater
48. If the routes were longer and there were more stops
49. If the schedule for off-campus buses were more convenient. I have 8:00 a.m. classes every day but the bus schedule to get from my home to class is awful. If I catch the bus around 6:20 a.m., then I could get to class at 7:55 or 8:00 a.m.; if the buses are running on time. But then I have the problem of leaving my son home alone waiting for the

school bus. That's why I drive. But I would prefer to use the city bus. And there isn't off-campus Sunday service either.

50. If the transportation were extremely reliable and I wouldn't be late for anything.
51. If there were buses from college student areas (like off Bearfield rd, and the apartments around there), many people, including myself, would find them easier to get to school than to drive.
52. If they went to college housing areas
53. Less scary, cleaner
54. More bus stops and more accessible destinations.
55. More buses available, frequent schedule, more routes
56. More busses or more bus runs. I hate standing around in the cold for an hour just to buy some toothpaste, and I REFUSE to go to Brady because it's ridiculously expensive.
57. More education. I am not fully aware of the program and its destinations.
58. More frequent stops. If it was less crowded.
59. More information about what is available.
60. More locations
61. More pick-up times on campus, a route that stops near my house, ease of use, low cost to ride
62. More routes on campus
63. Nothing.
64. Nothing. I prefer to drive myself.
65. Nothing. I'd never use it.
66. Price and availability
67. Shorter rides, more frequent stops on campus
68. Trips to downtown from near my residence (bars)