

# Appendix A: Surveys

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## STUDENT SURVEY

Dear MSU Student:

Gallatin County is developing a plan for public transit service in the Bozeman, Belgrade, and the Four Corners area. In order to determine the demand for public transit and the feasibility of providing the service, we are asking you to provide information about your current travel patterns and transportation needs. Please complete this questionnaire and return it either by e-mail as an attachment to [LSC@LSCCS.com](mailto:LSC@LSCCS.com) or by regular mail to:

LSC Transportation Consultants, Inc.  
516 North Tejon Street  
Colorado Springs, CO 80903

Your input will be helpful and is greatly appreciated.

### 1. Where do you live while attending MSU?

Bozeman:

- University housing
- Within ¼ mile
- ¼ - ½ mile
- ½ mile – 1 mile
- 1 mile or more
- Belgrade
- Four Corners
- Other Gallatin County location
- Park County
- Other: (please specify)

### 2. How do you usually get to your first class?

In the winter:

- Walk
- Bicycle
- Drive
- Ride with someone else
- Bobcat Transit
- Other \_\_\_\_\_ (specify)

In the non-winter:

- Walk
- Bicycle
- Drive
- Ride with someone else
- Bobcat Transit
- Other \_\_\_\_\_ (specify)

3. Do you know what Bobcat Transit is?  Yes  No

4. Have you used the Bobcat Transit?  Yes  No

If so, how often?

- Less than once a week       Once a week  
 2-3 times a week       4-5 times a week

5. How likely are you to use a public bus system that serves Bozeman with service to Belgrade and Four Corners?

- Very likely       Likely       Neutral       Unlikely       Very unlikely

6. **How important are the following features** for a new public bus system in Gallatin Valley. *(Please answer even if you plan not to use the service)*

	Very Important		Neutral		Not Important
a) An attractive bus.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>b) A comfortable ride.</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Friendly drivers.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) Easy to read schedules.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) Frequent service.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f) Schedule reliability.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g) Transfer convenience.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h) Saturday service.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i) Sunday service.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
j) Weekday evening service.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
k) Friday and Saturday late-night service	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
l) Service near my home.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
m) Service near my work place.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
n) Service near shopping.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**7. If a public transit system were available would you use it to go to:**

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> MSU                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Hospital                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Belgrade               | <input type="checkbox"/> North 19 <sup>th</sup> Shopping Center |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Four Corners           | <input type="checkbox"/> North 7 <sup>th</sup> Shopping Center  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Downtown Bozeman       | <input type="checkbox"/> Big Sky                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mall                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Bridger Bowl                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bozeman Public Library | <input type="checkbox"/> Livingston                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Airport                | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify)                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fairgrounds            |   |

**8. What locations on campus should have bus stops?**

**9. What year student are you?**

- Freshman
- Sophomore
- Junior
- Senior
- Grad Student

**10. What is your Gender?**

- Male
- Female

**11. What is your age?**

**12. Please provide any additional comments?**

**Thank you for taking the time to complete and return this questionnaire.**

**Please e-mail this document as an attachment to [LSC@LSCCS.com](mailto:LSC@LSCCS.com).**

## GALLATIN COUNTY TELEPHONE INTERVIEW

Introduction:

Hello, my name is \_\_\_\_\_. I'm calling on behalf of Gallatin County. We're interviewing people about transportation issues in our community. Do you have a few minutes to help us and answer several questions?

Are you over 18? If no, ask to speak to someone who is.

In which community do you live? If outside the greater Bozeman, Belgrade, or Four Corners area, terminate call.

1. Local organizations are considering a public transit service which would serve the greater Belgrade, Bozeman, and Four Corners area. This service would be funded partially by a new property tax for those living in these communities. This item may be placed on the ballot in November 2005. Knowing what you know right now, would you be likely to vote for or against the formation of a regional bus system?  
Very likely    Somewhat likely    Unlikely    Very Unlikely
2. Did you vote in the election last November?  
Yes or No
3. What specific issue would influence you to vote in the election in November 2005?  
Verbatim
4. What would influence your choice to vote for or against an initiative to start a bus system?  
Verbatim
5. Do you personally know family members, friends, co-workers, or casual acquaintances who need public transportation services?  
Yes or No
6. Do you know what Galavan is?  
Yes or No
7. If so, do you personally know family members, friends, co-workers, or casual acquaintances who use Galavan?  
Yes or No
8. Do you know what Bobcat Transit is?  
Yes or No
9. If so, do you personally know family members, friends, co-workers, or casual acquaintances who use Bobcat Transit?  
Yes or No

10. Please provide your reactions to the following statements?

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
The greater Bozeman, Belgrade, and Four Corners area needs a public transit system					
It is appropriate to use property taxes to help pay for public transit service in the greater Bozeman, Belgrade and Four Corners area					
I trust my local government to use tax dollars wisely					
A bus system should be operated by Gallatin County					
A bus system should be operated by the City of Bozeman					
A bus system should be operated by a new transportation authority with the ability to raise its own taxes subject to a public vote					

11. If an Urban Transportation Authority is created to provide public transit service, it could be funded through a local property tax and federal funds. How much would you be willing to increase property taxes to pay for public transit service?

No tax for transit

\$5 to \$10 per \$100,000 valuation per year

\$11 to \$15

\$16 to \$20

\$21 to \$25

\$26 to \$30

\$31 to \$35

\$36 or more

12. Would you be more likely or less likely to vote for the regional bus system if you knew ..

	Much More Likely	More Likely	Not Sure	Less Likely	Much Less Likely
The community as a whole would benefit					
It was run by the Gallatin County commissioners					
It was run by a separate board of appointed officials					
Service would be improved for senior citizens					
Service would be improved for people with disabilities					
Service would be improved for MSU students					
You would benefit personally from the service					
You know someone who would personally benefit from the service					
It was run by a non-profit private group					
Services provided by Galavan would be maintained at their current or increased level of service					

13. How many vehicles in working condition are available to your household?

14. If a public transit system with service every 30 minutes is started, how likely is it that you would use the service?

Very likely

Likely

Somewhat likely

Not likely

15. I am going to read you a list of projects which could be funded for the Bozeman and Belgrade areas. Please listen to the list and then tell me how you would spend \$100 of public funds for these various projects. You may use any portion of the \$100 on any of the projects, but the total should equal \$100.
- New library
  - Improvement of existing roads
  - Public safety
  - Construction of new roads
  - Preservation of open space
  - Public transportation service
  - New county jail
  - Transportation for the elderly and people with disabilities
16. Do you have a current, valid driver's license?  
Yes No
17. Are you a registered voter?  
Yes No
18. Counting yourself, how many people with a valid driver's license live in your household?
19. Are you currently employed:  
Part-time?  
Full-time?  
Not employed
20. Age
21. Gender
22. What is the highest level of education that you have achieved  
Less than high school  
High school graduate  
Some college  
College graduate  
Graduate study
23. Considering the 2003 total annual income of all members of your household, which of the following categories best represents your household?  
Under \$15,000  
\$15,000 to \$24,999  
\$25,000 to \$34,999  
\$35,000 to \$49,999  
\$50,000 to \$74,999  
\$75,000 to \$99,999  
\$100,000 or more

Thank you for taking the time to answer these questions and provide your input.