

# ***Puget Sound Transportation Panel Factors in Daily Travel Choices February 1990***

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My current work/school status is:

- ☐<sub>1</sub> Work, 35 hours/week or more
- ☐<sub>2</sub> Work, fewer than 35 hours/week
- ☐<sub>3</sub> Student, full-time
- ☐<sub>4</sub> Student, part-time

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- ☐<sub>5</sub> Homemaker
- ☐<sub>6</sub> Retired
- ☐<sub>7</sub> Unemployed
- ☐<sub>8</sub> Other

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*SECTION A: importance Rating*

Please rate how important each of these items is to you in deciding how to **travel to work** by circling a number from “1” to “7”. A “1” means “not at all important” and a “7” means “extremely important” to you.

	Not important at all				Extremely important			
Ability to arrive on time	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Ability to travel without changing vehicles	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Not having to deal with traffic congestion	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Short travel time	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Day-to-day costs like gas, parking & bus fare/pass	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	7-11
Protection from weather	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Having a seat	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Short wait time	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Ability to read while traveling	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Ability to travel when desired	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	12-16
Flexibility to change plans	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Making few stops	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Parking availability	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Safety of vehicle from accidents	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Freedom from threats to personal safety	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	17-21
Avoiding stress	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Minimizing pollution	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	22-23

## SECTION B: Performance Rating

Please rate all 3 ways of **traveling to work** on how well you think they perform on each item, with "1" being "extremely poorly" and "7" being "extremely well." Please give each mode of travel a score, even if you don't personally use it. Hint: First, score the way you travel now, then score the other two.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Extremely Poorly	Somewhat Poorly		Somewhat Well		Extremely Well	

Item	Mode of Travel			
	Drive Alone	Bus	Drive or Ride with others	
Ability to arrive on time	_____	_____	_____	24-26
Ability to travel without changing vehicles	_____	_____	_____	27-29
Not having to deal with traffic congestion	_____	_____	_____	30-32
Short travel time	_____	_____	_____	33-35
Day-to-day costs like gas, parking & bus fare/pass	_____	_____	_____	36-38
Protection from weather	_____	_____	_____	39-41
Having a seat	_____	_____	_____	42-44
Short wait time	_____	_____	_____	45-47
Ability to read while traveling	_____	_____	_____	48-50
Ability to travel when desired	_____	_____	_____	51-53
Flexibility to change plans	_____	_____	_____	54-56
Making few stops	_____	_____	_____	57-59
Parking availability	_____	_____	_____	60-62
Safety of vehicle from accidents	_____	_____	_____	63-65
Freedom from threats to personal safety	_____	_____	_____	66-68
Avoiding stress	_____	_____	_____	69-71
Minimizing pollution	_____	_____	_____	72-74

*SECTION C: Agreement/Disagreement Statements*

Please indicate to what extent you agree or disagree with the following statements.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Very Strongly Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Neutral	Somewhat Agree	Strongly Agree	Very Strongly Agree
Riding a bus is a relaxing way to commute	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
I enjoy driving my car, even in heavy traffic	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
My schedule is too erratic to be in a carpool	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
If gas prices get much higher, I'll be less likely to drive to work	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
I don't know anyone to carpool with	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Taking the bus doesn't fit my lifestyle.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7 75-80
I would be willing to pay higher taxes to improve bus service.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
I hate the idea of transferring buses.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
People driving alone should pay more for parking than people who carpool.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Carpooling is an enjoyable way to travel.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
It's easy to find someone I can carpool with.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Riding the bus helps reduce traffic congestion	1	2	3	4	5	6	7 81-86
I don't want to rely on someone else to pick me up to get to work on time.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Driving a car is a relaxing way to commute.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
It's not fair to have special lanes set aside for buses and carpools.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Getting bus schedule information is easy.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
It's a hassle to take the bus.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
I like the freedom of driving my own car.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7 87-92
If it were convenient, I would carpool with someone I don't already know.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Taking the bus is an enjoyable way to travel.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
People only ride the bus if they have to.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
More freeway carpool lanes should be built.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
I'd rather drive in a car with other people than drive by myself.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7 93-97

**SECTION D:** Please circle or fill in the best response.**YOUR WORK COMMUTE**

- How many days a week do you normally work? \_\_\_\_\_ days 98
- How do you usually get to and from work?
  - Car only, if so then do you:
    - Drive alone (1)
    - Drive, but with others (2)
    - Ride with others (3)
    - Take turns drive/ride (4)
  - Bus only (5)
  - Car & bus to complete one trip, if so then do you:
    - Catch bus at Park & Ride (6)
    - Catch bus other than at Park & Ride (7)
  - Motorcycle (8)
  - Bicycle (9)
  - Walk (10)
  - Ferry (11)
  - Other (12) \_\_\_\_\_ 99-100
- Does your job require that you use a car at work?
  - Yes (1)
  - No (2) 101
- If yes, does your company have cars available for this purpose?
  - Yes (1)
  - No (2) 102
- What is the zipcode of your work location? 98\_\_\_\_\_ 103-105
- Given your current home and work location, which of these three ways would you MOST prefer, and which would you LEAST prefer for getting to and from work.
 

	MOST PREFER 106	LEAST PREFER 107
Bus (1)	_____	_____
Drive or ride with others (2)	_____	_____
Drive alone (3)	_____	_____

**BUS AVAILABILITY**

- How far away is the nearest bus stop to your house?
  - 3 blocks or less (less than 1/4 mile) (1)
  - 4 to 6 blocks (1/4 to 1/2 mile) (2)
  - 7 blocks or more (more than 1/2 mile) (3)
  - Don't know (4) 108
- If 3 blocks or less, does that bus go directly to your work/school?
  - Yes (1)
  - No (2)
  - Don't know (3) 109
- If 3 blocks or less, and you don't currently ride the bus, have you ever considered riding the bus to work?
  - Yes (1)
  - No (2) 110

**CO-RIDER AVAILABILITY**

- Do you now commute by carpool or vanpool?
 

Yes	(1)	111
No	(2)	
- Does anyone in your household have a commute pattern similar to yours? (same time to leave/return, compatible location)?
 

Yes	(1)	112
No	(2)	
- Do you know any neighbors who have a commute pattern similar to yours? (same time to leave/return, compatible location)?
 

Yes	(1)	113
No	(2)	
Don't know	(3)	
- Do you know anyone at work who has a commute pattern similar to yours? (same time to leave/return, compatible location)?
 

Yes	(1)	114
No	(2)	
Don't know	(3)	

**NEED CAR – BEFORE OR AFTER WORK**

- How often do you need a car to drop off or pick up children on the way to or from work?
 

3 or more days a week	(1)	115
1-2 days a week	(2)	
2-3 times a month	(3)	
Once a month or less	(4)	
Never	(5)	
- How often do you need a car for other personal errands on the way to or from work?
 

3 or more days a week	(1)	116
1-2 days a week	(2)	
2-3 times a month	(3)	
Once a month or less	(4)	
Never	(5)	

**NEED CAR – DURING WORK**

- How often do you need a car for other personal trips (going to lunch, running errands) during the day?
 

3 or more days a week	(1)	117
1-2 days a week	(2)	
2-3 times a month	(3)	
Once a month or less	(4)	
Never	(5)	

*SECTION E*

Use your imagination to tell us how you think you would travel to work given the situation below. If all these statements were true:

Gasoline is \$.90/gallon and parking at work is free.

AND

You could drive/ride in a carpool with one man who is a friend or co-worker, and share the costs.

AND

The bus fare is \$.50 each way, the time between each bus is 10 minutes, and riding the bus takes 10 minutes longer than driving alone.

Would you:

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- ☐ Drive Alone (1)
- ☐ Carpool (2)
- ☐ Take the bus (3)

After leaving work, would you be likely to make:

- ☐ No stops on the way home
- OR ☐ number of stops on the way home.  
(fill in a number)

**Thank you for completing these questions. Did you answer all of them?  
Please return them in the envelope provided as soon as possible.**

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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The vision 2020 project of the PSCOG would like your opinion on growth and development in the Puget Sound region. Please complete the next page if you like. This project is separate from the Transportation Panel.

## Vision 2020 Questions

As you know, there are four counties in the Puget Sound region – King, Snohomish, Pierce, and Kitsap. During the next 30 years, the population of the region is projected to increase from 2.5 million to more than four million, a 60 percent increase. As this growth occurs, traffic will also increase.

Five different ways have been identified in which future growth and development could occur.

- **No Build:** No new transportation investments (no new highways, new transit routes, or new ferries).
- **Current Plans:** Growth occurs throughout the region in accord with current local plans. Transportation investments are those that are already planned including some rail transit and road improvements.
- **Major Centers:** Concentrate employment into a few large city centers (Seattle, Tacoma, Bellevue, Everett, Bremerton, and a new center in south King County). Provide maximum transit service between these centers with rail, buses, and passenger ferries.
- **Multiple Centers:** Encourage people to live closer to their jobs by encouraging development in both large and small city centers throughout the region. Invest heavily in transit (rail, bus, and passenger ferry service) to all of these centers, with moderate expansion of highways and roads.
- **Dispersed Growth:** Cap growth in Seattle, Bellevue, and nearby areas of traffic congestion. Development is then channeled into Tacoma, Everett, Bremerton, and small suburban communities and rural areas throughout the region. Invest in new highways and auto ferries to serve these areas:

1. How well do you think each of these approaches meets the growth and development needs of the Puget Sound region? (Circle one response for each approach.)

	<i>Poor</i>	<i>Fair</i>	<i>Good</i>	<i>Excellent</i>	<i>Don't know</i>
No Build	1	2	3	4	5
Current Plans	1	2	3	4	5
Major Centers	1	2	3	4	5
Multiple Centers	1	2	3	4	5
Dispersed Growth	1	2	3	4	5

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2. In making a choice about the future of this region, how important are the following considerations?

	<i>Not Important</i>		<i>Moderately Important</i>		<i>Extremely Important</i>	<i>Don't Know</i>
Less traffic congestion	1	2	3	4	5	6
Access to public transportation	1	2	3	4	5	6
Affordable transportation	1	2	3	4	5	6
Less fuel consumption	1	2	3	4	5	6
Good air quality	1	2	3	4	5	6
Preserved open spaces/rural lands forests	1	2	3	4	5	6
Low noise levels	1	2	3	4	5	6
Equitable cost sharing	1	2	3	4	5	6
Affordable housing	1	2	3	4	5	6
Good employment opportunities	1	2	3	4	5	6
People-oriented city and town centers	1	2	3	4	5	6
Neighborhood preservation	1	2	3	4	5	6

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