

APPENDIX E

LOS RIOS TRANSPORTATION CONNECTIONS

Survey of Transportation Patterns of Los Rios Students

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Los Rios Community College District in Partnership with WALKSacramento Survey of Transportation Patterns of Los Rios Students Executive Summary July 2007

In Spring 2007, the Los Rios Community College District and its 4 colleges – American River College, Cosumnes River College, Folsom Lake College and Sacramento City College – in partnership with the non-profit organization WALKSacramento conducted a survey of Los Rios students to learn how they currently travel to and from their Los Rios college. The feedback will help evaluate the transportation patterns of our students to help improve the commute for students, the colleges and the surrounding communities. What follows are summary highlights of the WALKSacramento survey.

- Los Rios students have very busy schedules as they juggle school, employment and family responsibilities. This is evident with substantial proportions of survey respondents district-wide who indicate they *always* get to their Los Rios college by driving alone (72.3%).
- Over one quarter (28.8%) of all Los Rios students who responded to the WALKSacramento survey *sometimes* get dropped off at their college, while 23.7% of all respondents *sometimes* carpool.
- District-wide, 11.8% of respondents *always* take the bus, while 11.5% *sometimes* take the bus to their college.
- A slightly lower 8.7% of all respondents *always* take light rail to their college while 9.7% *sometimes* take light rail.
- There are some differences in the responses of survey respondents who attend Sacramento City College (SCC). High proportions of Sacramento City College respondents *sometimes* get dropped off at the college (42.3%), while 14.6% *always* take the bus and 16.7% *sometimes* take the bus to SCC. Of additional interest are the 17.2% of SCC respondents who *always* take light rail to the college, while 16.2% of SCC respondents *sometimes* take light rail.
- Substantial proportions of all survey respondents (73.9%) indicate they do not walk or ride a bicycle to attend classes at their Los Rios college because they live too far away from the college. Respondents also indicate busy schedules (33.2%), working too far from college (31.4%) and having too much to carry (25.5%) as reasons they do not walk or ride a bicycle to their Los Rios college.
- Reasons why survey respondents from across the district do not take public transportation to their Los Rios college include: taking the bus or light rail takes too much time (43.0%), do not know the routes or schedules (27.0%), and it is too far to walk to bus or light rail stops (24.5%).
- Worth noting are the 20.9% of all survey respondents who indicated “other” as the main reason they do not currently take public transportation to their Los Rios college to attend classes. A review of the open-ended feedback illustrates that for many respondents bus and light rail stops are too far from where they live or work to make this a practical option. Respondents also voiced frustration over the amount of transfers involved in using public transportation and that taking the bus or light rail based on current schedules and routes within their communities just takes too much of their time.

For comprehensive details refer to the Frequency Distribution reports available for both District-wide responses as well as each of the Los Rios colleges. In addition, all open ended comments can be reviewed for the more qualitative feedback from respondents on their transportation patterns, concerns, as well as their recommendations.

This summary report was written by Betty Glycer-Culver, Research Analyst, LRCCD Office of Institutional Research (IR) and is based on results of the WALKSacramento survey. Additional copies of this report, as well as the Frequency Distribution reports, can be downloaded from our Web Site at: <http://irweb.losrios.edu> or by calling 916-568-3131.

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Frequency Distribution of All LRCCD Respondents
July 2007

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How do you currently get to your Los Rios College?

1. How do you currently get to your Los Rios college? (select one response for each transportation type listed below)

CATEGORY	N=	Always	Sometimes	Never
Drive Alone	401	72.3%	14.5%	13.2%
Carpool	317	6.6%	23.7%	69.7%
Dropped Off	312	6.1%	28.8%	65.1%
Bus	313	11.8%	11.5%	76.7%
Light Rail	310	8.7%	9.7%	81.6%
Walk	300	3.7%	6.3%	90.0%
Bicycle	300	2.3%	5.0%	92.7%
Other (please specify): All Open-ended comments provided in separate reports	172	4.1%	1.7%	94.2%

2. Please indicate when you take the majority of your classes at your Los Rios college. (Select one response) N = 438

	%
Mornings	28.1%
Afternoons	10.0%
Evenings	32.9%
Weekends	3.4%
Day and Evening Student	17.8%
Distance Education Student	5.3%
Other (please specify): All Open-ended comments provided in separate reports.	2.5%

Have you ever thought about....

3. What are the main reasons you don't currently walk or ride a bicycle to your Los Rios college to attend classes? (Select all that apply)

	N=	%
I live too far away from the college	325	73.9%
I work too far away from the college	138	31.4%
My schedule is so busy that this is unrealistic	146	33.2%
I don't feel safe walking or riding a bicycle to school	86	19.5%
There is no place to secure my bicycle on campus	18	4.1%
I have child care issues that makes this unrealistic	34	7.7%
Concerns with weather	78	17.7%
I have too much to carry	112	25.5%
Not Applicable (I do walk or ride a bicycle)	26	5.9%
Other (please specify): All Open-ended comments provided in separate reports.	39	8.9%

Respondents could select multiple responses.

4. What are the main reasons you don't currently take public transportation (bus and/or light rail) to your Los Rios college to attend classes? (Select all that apply)

	N=	%
Taking the bus and/or light rail takes too much time	189	43.0%
Public transportation is not reliable enough	84	19.1%
I don't know the routes and/or schedules	119	27.0%
It's too far to walk to bus and/or light rail stops	108	24.5%
Bus and/or light rail stops aren't close enough to where I work	74	16.8%
I don't feel safe taking the bus or light rail	81	18.4%
It is too expensive	29	6.6%
I have child care issues that makes this unrealistic	34	7.7%
I have too much to carry	45	10.2%
Not Applicable (I do take the bus and/or light rail to the college)	56	12.7%
Other (please specify): All Open-ended comments provided in separate reports.	92	20.9%

Respondents could select multiple responses.

Is there anything that the Los Rios colleges or organizations like WALKSacramento could do that would encourage you to walk, bicycle or use public transportation in the future?

All Open-ended comments provided in separate reports.



American River College



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Survey of Transportation Patterns of Los Rios Students
Frequency Distribution of ARC Respondents
July 2007**

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How do you currently get to your Los Rios College?

1. How do you currently get to your Los Rios college? (select one response for each transportation type listed below)

CATEGORY	N=	Always	Sometimes	Never
Drive Alone	134	76.9%	13.4%	9.7%
Carpool	102	5.9%	24.5%	69.6%
Dropped Off	100	5.0%	21.0%	74.0%
Bus	103	13.6%	8.7%	77.7%
Light Rail	101	8.9%	4.0%	87.1%
Walk	99	2.0%	6.1%	91.9%
Bicycle	98	2.0%	5.1%	92.9%
Other (please specify): All Open-ended comments provided in separate reports	56	5.4%	0.0%	94.6%

2. Please indicate when you take the majority of your classes at your Los Rios college. (Select one response) N = 145

	%
Mornings	24.1%
Afternoons	9.0%
Evenings	34.5%
Weekends	6.2%
Day and Evening Student	17.9%
Distance Education Student	6.9%
Other (please specify): All Open-ended comments provided in separate reports.	1.4%

Have you ever thought about....

3. What are the main reasons you don't currently walk or ride a bicycle to your Los Rios college to attend classes? (Select all that apply)

	N=	%
I live too far away from the college	114	77.6%
I work too far away from the college	46	31.3%
My schedule is so busy that this is unrealistic	50	34.0%
I don't feel safe walking or riding a bicycle to school	28	19.0%
There is no place to secure my bicycle on campus	9	6.1%
I have child care issues that makes this unrealistic	13	8.8%
Concerns with weather	24	16.3%
I have too much to carry	36	24.5%
Not Applicable (I do walk or ride a bicycle)	5	3.4%
Other (please specify): All Open-ended comments provided in separate reports.	12	8.2%

Respondents could select multiple responses.

4. What are the main reasons you don't currently take public transportation (bus and/or light rail) to your Los Rios college to attend classes? (Select all that apply)

	N=	%
Taking the bus and/or light rail takes too much time	72	49.0%
Public transportation is not reliable enough	31	21.1%
I don't know the routes and/or schedules	38	25.9%
It's too far to walk to bus and/or light rail stops	31	21.1%
Bus and/or light rail stops aren't close enough to where I work	24	16.3%
I don't feel safe taking the bus or light rail	38	25.9%
It is too expensive	14	9.5%
I have child care issues that makes this unrealistic	15	10.2%
I have too much to carry	17	11.6%
Not Applicable (I do take the bus and/or light rail to the college)	18	12.2%
Other (please specify): All Open-ended comments provided in separate reports.	26	17.7%

Respondents could select multiple responses.

Is there anything that the Los Rios colleges or organizations like WALKSacramento could do that would encourage you to walk, bicycle or use public transportation in the future?

All Open-ended comments provided in separate reports.



American River College



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Folsom Lake College



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How do you currently get to your Los Rios College?

1. How do you currently get to your Los Rios college? (select one response for each transportation type listed below)

CATEGORY	N=	Always	Sometimes	Never
Drive Alone	111	71.3%	11.7%	18.0%
Carpool	92	9.8%	27.2%	63.0%
Dropped Off	89	7.9%	28.1%	64.0%
Bus	87	11.5%	9.2%	79.3%
Light Rail	88	6.8%	8.0%	85.2%
Walk	87	5.7%	6.9%	87.4%
Bicycle	86	1.2%	2.3%	96.5%
Other (please specify): All Open-ended comments provided in separate reports	49	6.1%	0.0%	93.9%

2. Please indicate when you take the majority of your classes at your Los Rios college. (Select one response) N = 119

	%
Mornings	30.3%
Afternoons	10.9%
Evenings	32.8%
Weekends	3.4%
Day and Evening Student	15.1%
Distance Education Student	5.0%
Other (please specify): All Open-ended comments provided in separate reports.	2.5%

Have you ever thought about....

3. What are the main reasons you don't currently walk or ride a bicycle to your Los Rios college to attend classes? (Select all that apply)

	N=	%
I live too far away from the college	82	68.9%
I work too far away from the college	33	27.7%
My schedule is so busy that this is unrealistic	39	32.8%
I don't feel safe walking or riding a bicycle to school	28	23.5%
There is no place to secure my bicycle on campus	4	3.4%
I have child care issues that makes this unrealistic	11	9.2%
Concerns with weather	20	16.8%
I have too much to carry	30	25.2%
Not Applicable (I do walk or ride a bicycle)	5	4.2%
Other (please specify): All Open-ended comments provided in separate reports.	13	10.9%

Respondents could select multiple responses.

4. What are the main reasons you don't currently take public transportation (bus and/or light rail) to your Los Rios college to attend classes? (Select all that apply)

	N=	%
Taking the bus and/or light rail takes too much time	55	46.2%
Public transportation is not reliable enough	24	20.2%
I don't know the routes and/or schedules	31	26.1%
It's too far to walk to bus and/or light rail stops	38	31.9%
Bus and/or light rail stops aren't close enough to where I work	21	17.6%
I don't feel safe taking the bus or light rail	24	20.2%
It is too expensive	7	5.9%
I have child care issues that makes this unrealistic	10	8.4%
I have too much to carry	14	11.8%
Not Applicable (I do take the bus and/or light rail to the college)	15	12.6%
Other (please specify): All Open-ended comments provided in separate reports.	21	17.6%

Respondents could select multiple responses.

Is there anything that the Los Rios colleges or organizations like WALKSacramento could do that would encourage you to walk, bicycle or use public transportation in the future?

All Open-ended comments provided in separate reports.



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How do you currently get to your Los Rios College?

1. How do you currently get to your Los Rios college? (select one response for each transportation type listed below)

CATEGORY	N=	Always	Sometimes	Never
Drive Alone	100	76.0%	16.0%	8.0%
Carpool	79	3.8%	25.3%	70.9%
Dropped Off	79	6.3%	19.0%	74.7%
Bus	80	6.3%	7.5%	86.3%
Light Rail	77	3.9%	6.5%	89.6%
Walk	76	2.6%	3.9%	93.4%
Bicycle	76	2.6%	1.3%	96.1%
Other (please specify): All Open-ended comments provided in separate reports	45	4.4%	0.0%	95.6%

2. Please indicate when you take the majority of your classes at your Los Rios college. (Select one response) N = 110

	%
Mornings	21.8%
Afternoons	7.3%
Evenings	44.5%
Weekends	0.9%
Day and Evening Student	18.2%
Distance Education Student	5.5%
Other (please specify): All Open-ended comments provided in separate reports.	1.8%

Have you ever thought about....

3. What are the main reasons you don't currently walk or ride a bicycle to your Los Rios college to attend classes? (Select all that apply)

	N=	%
I live too far away from the college	90	81.1%
I work too far away from the college	43	38.7%
My schedule is so busy that this is unrealistic	39	35.1%
I don't feel safe walking or riding a bicycle to school	16	14.4%
There is no place to secure my bicycle on campus	4	3.6%
I have child care issues that makes this unrealistic	11	9.9%
Concerns with weather	20	18.0%
I have too much to carry	32	28.8%
Not Applicable (I do walk or ride a bicycle)	7	6.3%
Other (please specify): All Open-ended comments provided in separate reports.	4	3.6%

Respondents could select multiple responses.

4. What are the main reasons you don't currently take public transportation (bus and/or light rail) to your Los Rios college to attend classes? (Select all that apply)

	N=	%
Taking the bus and/or light rail takes too much time	40	36.0%
Public transportation is not reliable enough	24	21.6%
I don't know the routes and/or schedules	35	31.5%
It's too far to walk to bus and/or light rail stops	30	27.0%
Bus and/or light rail stops aren't close enough to where I work	27	24.3%
I don't feel safe taking the bus or light rail	12	10.8%
It is too expensive	3	2.7%
I have child care issues that makes this unrealistic	10	9.0%
I have too much to carry	10	9.0%
Not Applicable (I do take the bus and/or light rail to the college)	8	7.2%
Other (please specify): All Open-ended comments provided in separate reports.	30	27.0%

Respondents could select multiple responses.

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CATEGORY	N=	Always	Sometimes	Never
Drive Alone	121	66.1%	15.7%	18.2%
Carpool	99	7.1%	20.2%	72.7%
Dropped Off	97	3.1%	42.3%	54.6%
Bus	96	14.6%	16.7%	68.8%
Light Rail	99	17.2%	16.2%	66.7%
Walk	92	6.5%	7.6%	85.9%
Bicycle	94	5.3%	9.6%	85.1%
Other (please specify): All Open-ended comments provided in separate reports	50	2.0%	6.0%	92.0%

2. Please indicate when you take the majority of your classes at your Los Rios college. (Select one response) N = 131

	%
Mornings	29.0%
Afternoons	13.0%
Evenings	26.7%
Weekends	2.3%
Day and Evening Student	20.6%
Distance Education Student	4.6%
Other (please specify): All Open-ended comments provided in separate reports.	3.8%

Have you ever thought about....

3. What are the main reasons you don't currently walk or ride a bicycle to your Los Rios college to attend classes? (Select all that apply)

	N=	%
I live too far away from the college	87	65.9%
I work too far away from the college	40	30.3%
My schedule is so busy that this is unrealistic	43	32.6%
I don't feel safe walking or riding a bicycle to school	28	21.2%
There is no place to secure my bicycle on campus	5	3.8%
I have child care issues that makes this unrealistic	9	6.8%
Concerns with weather	22	16.7%
I have too much to carry	31	23.5%
Not Applicable (I do walk or ride a bicycle)	13	9.8%
Other (please specify): All Open-ended comments provided in separate reports.	17	12.9%

Respondents could select multiple responses.

4. What are the main reasons you don't currently take public transportation (bus and/or light rail) to your Los Rios college to attend classes? (Select all that apply)

	N=	%
Taking the bus and/or light rail takes too much time	61	46.2%
Public transportation is not reliable enough	18	13.6%
I don't know the routes and/or schedules	27	20.5%
It's too far to walk to bus and/or light rail stops	28	21.2%
Bus and/or light rail stops aren't close enough to where I work	18	13.6%
I don't feel safe taking the bus or light rail	22	16.7%
It is too expensive	10	7.6%
I have child care issues that makes this unrealistic	6	4.5%
I have too much to carry	10	7.6%
Not Applicable (I do take the bus and/or light rail to the college)	25	18.9%
Other (please specify): All Open-ended comments provided in separate reports.	25	18.9%

Respondents could select multiple responses.

Is there anything that the Los Rios colleges or organizations like WALKSacramento could do that would encourage you to walk, bicycle or use public transportation in the future?

All Open-ended comments provided in separate reports.