

Monthly Summary of Public Input: September 2007

This summary reflects all survey responses and additional comments received via the Clark County High Capacity Transit System Study website as of September 25, 2007.

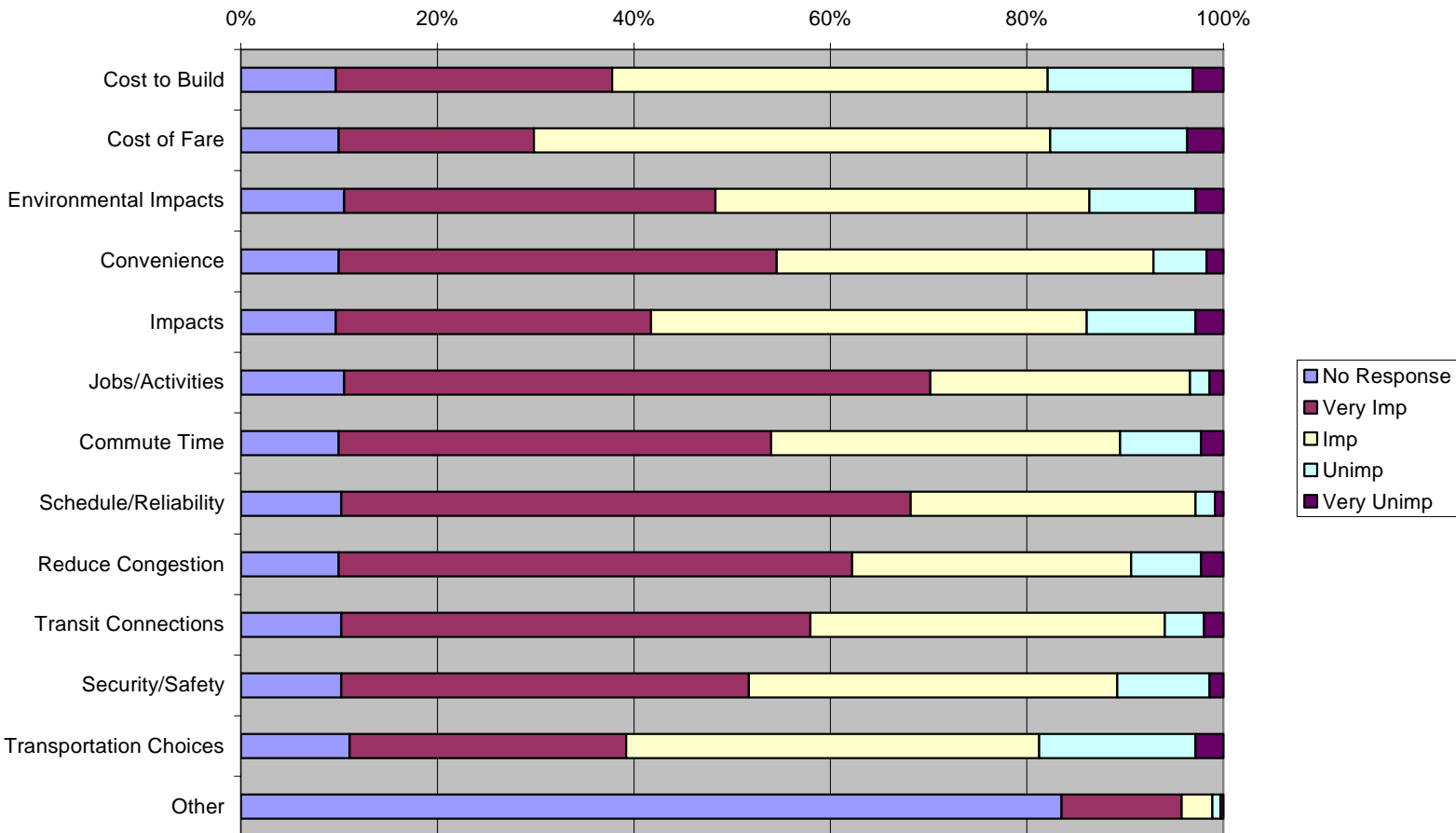
Survey Responses – Survey #1

Number of survey responses (both website and postcard): 352

Question 1: As we consider different types of high capacity transit (street car, light rail, bus rapid transit, etc.) and different locations, tell us what you think by rating the importance of each item.

The following chart compares survey responses across all thirteen items included in this question. Items that respondents were asked to rate are listed along left side of the graph and the colored bars show what proportion of respondents selected each possible rating (i.e. “Very Important” or “Unimportant”) for each question.

Relative Importance for Question 1



Question 2: If high capacity transit was available, from what area to what area would you like to travel? (For example, from Orchards to Downtown Vancouver)

The following table reflects the five most popular corridors selected by respondents using a list of pre-set origins and destinations. Overall, survey respondents selected more than one hundred and fifty different possible corridors.

Five Most Popular Corridors

<i>Possible HCT Study Corridor</i>	<i>Number of Respondents Who Selected Given Corridor</i>
Downtown Vancouver – Central Portland	58
Salmon Creek – Central Portland	30
Downtown Vancouver – Salmon Creek	27
Downtown Vancouver – Inner East Portland	26
Downtown Vancouver – Vancouver Mall	24

Comments

The study has received 203 comments. The five most popular comment categories and a brief synopsis of the comments received are shown below.

Light Rail – 87 comments

- The majority of these comments supported light rail, though almost a quarter of light rail comments expressed opposition to light rail in favor of either bus service or road system improvements
- Many comments indicated which destinations should be connected by light rail (e.g. the airport) and the majority emphasized connecting to the existing light rail system in Portland

Destinations & Corridors – 77 comments

- Many respondents asked for improved and increased connections between downtown Vancouver and downtown Portland
- Other destinations included the Portland Airport, Vancouver Mall, Clark College, Portland Rose Garden and cities such as Battle Ground, Camas, and Brush Prairie

Travel to Portland – 45 comments

- Many comments mentioned improving the commute into Portland
- Several comments praised the efficiency of a connection to Portland’s existing transportation infrastructure

Growth & Development – 34 comments

- Most comments advocated planning for the future and some suggested that transportation investments will become increasingly expensive
- Other comments emphasized the county’s long-term transportation needs and maintaining flexibility in the transportation system

General Bus Service – 34 comments

- The majority of these comments argued that bus service is the most flexible and efficient mode of public transportation and would be preferable to more costly rail infrastructure
- Several comments advocated increased express bus service or improved general bus service; a few expressed concerns about the safety and comfort of bus service