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**Zero-Emissions Transit Survey
 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
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This past summer, the Sustainable Transportation Committee asked Hull residents to take a moment to help plan a *great* way to get to the ferry, the train, and around town. “Great” means “fun and easy to use, with zero emission of greenhouse gases.” In order to go after grants, the survey asked for help get an idea of how many people would use the system.

Almost 300 households responded to the survey. About half of these households currently use transit, including the ferry, T, and bus, to get to work – 32% regularly plus 20% now and then – and half do not. Of the households who do not, about one out of every three households could use the new Greenbush train or ferry to go to work if they chose to.

More than 80 percent said their household would use zero-emissions transit to get to the train or ferry if it were frequent, convenient, and affordable - 50% regularly and an additional 30% now and then. For comparison, in the 2000 U.S. Census, 84 percent of Hull’s 5800 workers drove to work.

For local trips, almost 9 out every 10 households said they would use the trolley to get to restaurants. About two-thirds of the households would use the trolley for getting to shopping, the Post Office, and the library. Over half would use it to go to the beach. About a quarter of the households had someone who would use the trolley to get to the Senior Center, kids’ sports, school, or work in Hull. In one out of five households, someone would ride the trolley to a variety of other destinations, including friends, family, church, pleasure, recreation, gym, tennis, bank, cleaners, coffee, Weinberg’s, hairdresser, Wellspring, Hingham, Town Hall, meetings, Lifesaving Museum, yacht club, Fort Revere, and events.

Zero Emissions Transit Survey	
Total respondents	283 households
Currently take transit (T, bus, or ferry) to work	
Regularly	32%
Now and then	20%
No	46%
Blank	2%
If no or blank, could get to work by ferry or the new Greenbush train if chose to	
Yes	14%
No	30%
Blank	4%
Would use zero-emissions transit to get to the train or ferry if it were frequent, convenient, and affordable	
Often	52%
Now and then	30%
No	6%
Don't know	12%
Household would use a zero-emissions trolley to get to places in town	
Restaurants	86%
Shopping	68%
Library	67%
Post office	66%
Beach	57%
Senior Center	28%
Kids' sports	27%
School	24%
Work in Hull	23%
Other*	19%
*Other: Visit friends and family, church, gym, pleasure, recreation, Wellspring, Hingham, bank, cleaners, coffee, Weinberg’s, Lifesaving Museum, yacht club, Fort Revere, Town Hall, hairdresser, meetings, events, tennis.	

What people said

More than 200 people added written comments. Here's what they said.

"I like that this town is trying to go 'green.'"

The survey asked: What would be your *ideal* way to get to work? What is important to you?

"An electric trolley would be ideal in a small town like this." "The ferry is my ideal way to get to work. A bus or trolley timed with the ferry would be great!" "Our entire family is excited about the new train coming." "My ideal is not having to use my car. Walk to transit that takes me to train or ferry." What is important to me: "Reliability, comfort, cleanliness. Transit must have a posted, reliable schedule of stops and enough stops to make it convenient for most people." "Later in the evening and on Sunday." "Bus stop shelters." "Please be sure all transportation is wheelchair capable. Frequent, convenient, clean, and friendly." "My number one concern is impact on the environment. Well, it would also have to be fairly inexpensive. . . and run frequently so there are many options time-wise."

"Ideally walking. " "Local transport is my bicycle (post office, beach, grocery store, etc.) Safe routes for bicyclists are of importance to me. People need to be encouraged to get out of their cars."

"No traffic!" "I work at different locations and require my car." "My ideal: Carpool." "On my own!!" "My own personal Light Electric Vehicle (LEV) or Zero-Emission Vehicle (ZEV). I have to work around town all day and need mobility and flexibility." "Don't leave home at all/telecommuting."

People saw many benefits to a zero-emissions trolley.

"In summer, restaurant parking at the beach is 'impossible,' so a trolley would be awesome!" "I would love public transportation at night to/from Restaurants/Sea Note." "I would use it to go about Hull – P.O., Riddles, scenic tour – Hull would probably get more of my money."

"I currently drive to work in Quincy, but if trolley transportation were available I would seek employment in Hull."

"It would be nice if the ferry ran on weekends – and more services for the beach so people won't be coming here with cars!" "We could eliminate a lot of the need for beachfront parking, thus making more viable the recent suggestion to restore the dunes along the public section of Nantasket Beach."