

## Sample Questions for G&O Surveys

### Rank the following local issues in order of importance

(1 is most important; 5 is least important):

- Minimize road widenings and construction costs
- Expand transit service area, hours, etc.
- Minimize the environmental impacts of building new roads
- Attract new industry
- Improve parking in central business district

### Rank the issues involved in developing a transportation plan in order of importance

(1 is most important; 6 is least important):

- Environmental preservation
- Travel choices (providing a range of auto, transit, biking, and walking choices)
- Community preservation
- New economic development growth
- Community enhancements (such as better roads, quieter neighborhoods, pedestrian trails, etc.)
- Individual home or business preservation

### Rank the following ways to improve a road's ability to carry vehicles

(1 is most important; 5 is least important):

- Improve the geometric design of intersections
- Construct additional travel lanes
- Control strip development and promote campus developments
- Encourage people to ride together or to use public transportation
- Provide alternative modes of travel such as pedestrian paths or bicycles trails

### Rank the following reasons why new roads should be planned

(1 is most important; 5 is least important):

- To urbanize the rural land outside the town limits
- To increase the tax base
- To control growth
- To revitalize the existing developed areas (such as renovating historic buildings)
- To limit land acquisition cost for future projects

**Rank which type of facilities are needed the most**

(1 is most important; 4 is least important):

- New bicycle travel facilities
- Improved access to industry and shopping areas
- Improved access to residential areas
- New sidewalks

**Rank the issues regarding building major new roadways**

(1 is most important; 5 is least important):

- Providing better travel service
- Preserving the social environment (houses, churches, etc.)
- Reducing travel on other major roads
- Encouraging economic growth in the area
- Reducing traffic congestion and auto emissions

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Check the appropriate box to indicate how desirable the following items are to you:

	Very Desirable	Desirable	No Opinion	Undesirable	Very Undesirable
<b><u>Environmental Issues</u></b>					
• Minimize air pollution from vehicles	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Minimize traffic noise in neighborhoods	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Minimize traffic noise in business areas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Urbanize all undeveloped land	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Protect natural areas as buffer zones	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b><u>Neighborhood Issues</u></b>					
• Preserve historic property	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Landscape streets with trees and shrubs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Preserve community character	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Ensure travel safety for pedestrians/bicycles	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b><u>Economic Issues</u></b>					
• Minimize road construction costs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Minimize travel time and cost	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Provide better access to CBD	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Promote urban strip development	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b><u>Transportation Issues</u></b>					
• Provide frequent traffic signals on major roads	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Increase traffic safety	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Provide bike paths to school/parks/shopping	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Provide vanpools/buses to shopping & downtown to help relieve parking demand	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Improve mobility for people without cars	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Provide taxi service	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Provide transportation for the elderly and handicapped	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Improve access to industries/shopping	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Improve intersections	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Provide sidewalks and scenic paths to encourage people to walk instead of drive	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Provide special routes for trucks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Improve railroad crossings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Check the appropriate box to indicate how important the following items are to you :**

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important
• Construction of roads to promote new industries/jobs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Preservation of historic buildings and sites	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Reduction of air and noise pollution	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Preservation of land for future roads, greenways, and sidewalks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Planting trees and shrubs along roads	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Reducing traffic accidents	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Connecting existing streets	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Using public bus service	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Minimizing construction costs of roads	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Minimizing maintenance costs of roads	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Improving the timing and coordination of traffic signals	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Protecting natural areas and open spaces	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Discouraging use of the automobile	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Protecting homes and businesses along existing roads	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Adding carpool lanes to existing roads	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Increasing capacity of streets to handle traffic growth	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Developing new roads to relieve congestion on existing roads	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Building a light rail system (commuter trains/streetcars)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Building greenways and sidewalks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Building bicycle lanes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Providing transportation for the elderly and disabled	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Protecting neighborhoods from truck traffic	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Constructing scenic highways	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Sedimentation and stormwater management	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Discouraging use of automobiles	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Using one-way streets	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Removing street parking to improve street capacity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Connecting existing streets	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Improving conditions at railroad crossings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Should more or less money be spent on the following?**

	Much More	More	Same	Less	Much Less
• Maintaining existing residential streets	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Building new major roads	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Maintaining major streets and highways	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Building new freeways	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Building new parking lots and decks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Expanding bus services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Expanding carpooling/vanpooling programs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Building new sidewalks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Building new greenways	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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**Would you be willing to use or vote in favor of the following:**

- |  | Yes                      | No                       |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| • Carpooling/vanpooling  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| • Staggered work hours   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| • Plans which encourage dense urban development in order to encourage the use of streetcars and passenger trains | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| • Limits on growth and development in the area/county  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| • Restriction of access along major streets  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| • Expanding/implementing bus service   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| • Construction of new freeways   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| • Construction of new major streets  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| • Widening of streets and highways through existing neighborhoods  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| • Living within walking distance of work, shopping, etc.   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**If additional money were needed to fund transportation projects, would you vote in favor of the following:**

- |   | Yes                      | No                       |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| • A gasoline tax increase                               | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| • Charging developers impact fees to develop properties | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| • A local bond referendum                               | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| • New/additional parking fees                           | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**Would you vote for bonds that would be used for the following:**

- |  | Yes                      | No                       |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| • Maintenance of existing streets and highways   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| • Construction of new major streets and highways | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| • Sidewalk construction/improvements             | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| • Improved bus service                           | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| • Construction of greenways                      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| • Bicycle lanes                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| • Traffic signal improvements/coordination       | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| • Preserving lands for future roads              | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| • Landscaping/highway beautification             | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**Do you support transit?**

	Yes	No
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**If yes, how much additional time are you willing to add to your work trip (one way) in order to use alternate transit modes?**

- Less than 15 minutes
- Between 15 and 29 minutes
- Between 30 and 44 minutes
- Between 45 and 59 minutes
- 1 hour or more

**What level of congestion will you accept and live with daily before improvements should be made? (Please check only one.)**

- No delay or congestion at any time of the day. Free-flowing traffic.
- Little delay during rush hours. Wait of more than one red light occurs occasionally.
- Some congestion during rush hours. Frequent wait of more than one red light.
- Driver would consider changing routes to avoid congested areas.
- Moderate congestion even in non-rush hours. Short traffic delays during much of the d
- Heavy congestion. Long traffic delays during much of the day.
- Extreme congestion. Stop and go traffic throughout the day. Gridlock conditions in many areas.

**Which of the following would you support in order to promote carpooling or vanpooling? (Check as many as apply.)**

- Restricted parking
- High parking rates
- Lack of new roadways

**Building a new highway has many impacts, such as providing better traffic service, yet taking land, homes, and businesses. However, not building a highway may have negative impacts, since traffic will increase on roads through developments. Therefore, traffic congestion, gas consumption, and air/noise pollution near existing homes would increase. Should environmental factors be (check one):**

- More important than other factors such as cost, taking homes, convenience of travel, etc.
- Equal to other factors
- Only moderately important

**It is often difficult to decide what damages a neighborhood. For example, is it more damaging to widen an existing roadway or to leave it congested? The heavy traffic can be bad for a neighborhood because of the noise and air pollution, hazards to children, and other problems. Should widening be considered for residential streets with heavy traffic?**

- Yes
- No

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The amount of money available to build highways is limited. Typically, the more a street costs, the better it will function. A more expensive project (a new road or major widening project) will be better and more convenient than less expensive alternatives (such as minor widening, using narrow lanes, or intersection improvements). For the same total cost, a series of less expensive improvements may provide equal convenience to one large, “first class” improvement. Would you prefer to see:

- Fewer improvements, but “first class”
- More, but less expensive improvements

Removal of parking increases the amount of traffic a street can carry. As congestion and delay increase, would you prefer to remove some of the on-street parking, or to re-route some of the traffic to another street, possibly using a one-way pair?

- Prefer to eliminate some parking
- Prefer to re-route some traffic to another street

To relieve congestion, would you be willing to live within:

- 50 to 200 feet of a major roadway
- 200 to 500 feet of a major roadway
- 500 to 1000 feet of a major roadway
- more than 1000 feet of a major roadway

Please answer the following with a brief statement:

What do you feel are the key transportation-related issues in your area?

Are there locations in your community where you feel that truck traffic is a problem?

Are you concerned with safety or accident problems at any specific intersections around the City?

When traveling around town, do you find that you often have to go out of your way to get to where you are going because there is not a direct route? If so, please give examples.

Do you live in a neighborhood, or know of one, where cut through traffic is a problem?

If so, please give examples.

Do you think that public transit could be an effective means of addressing traffic congestion in your area? Is this something that the local government should pursue?

Is truck traffic a problem in the area? If so, in what specific locations?

Are at-grade railroad crossings of concern to you?

Do you know of locations where there are traffic signal problems (such as lack of signals, too many signals, signal timing problems, etc.)?

Is traffic congestion a problem in your area? If yes, list the top three congested locations (streets or intersections).

Do you have any other comments or concerns regarding the transportation system in your area?