



**GRAND RIVER EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING AND  
SIX NATIONS ELECTED COUNCIL**

Results of the Six Nations'  
Transportation Feasibility Study Survey 2010

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## **Introduction**

Grand River Employment and Training and Six Nations Elected Council are working in partnership to develop a transportation system for Six Nations of the Grand River Territory. One of the first steps toward addressing the needs of the community has been the development of the Six Nations Transportation Feasibility Study Survey, which was released into the community on October 18, 2010.

The survey itself was eighteen questions and administered to band members and residents living on reserve and band members living off reserve aged fifteen years and older. No personally identifying information was sought from participants, and a statement of consent and confidentiality was included on the front page of the survey to this effect.

By mid-December 2010, the goal of collecting one thousand completed surveys was achieved and 1011 responses to the survey were gathered in total. The responses to the survey questions were entered into a database, and the findings of the survey are contained in this report.

The professional expertise of a consultant has been sought for the in-depth analysis of the data collected from the transportation survey. Thus, for all intents and purposes, this report is designed to reflect the opinions and outline the results and responses gathered and does not attempt to analyze the findings.

**This report consists of the results of the following questions:**

- Question 1 Do you think Six Nations needs a transportation system?
- Question 2 If transportation was available at Six Nations, would you use it?
- Question 3 Are you able to travel to meet your day-to-day needs?
- Question 4 What is your primary method of transportation to meet your day-to-day needs?
- Question 5 Do you use existing transportation services at Six Nations? (i.e. medical transport, taxis, community programs, etc.)
- Question 6 How many vehicles do you own?
- Question 7 Do you require specialized transportation?
- Question 8 Do any of the following reasons prevent you from getting where you need to go on a regular basis?
- Question 9 If you are a business owner or employer, do you experience work related problems with employees arriving on time due to lack of reliable transportation?
- Question 10 Can you describe your travel schedule?
- Question 11 Can you tell us where you travel for the following purposes?
- Question 12 Do you have difficulty traveling to the following locations to meet your day-to-day needs?
- Question 13 Gender
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- Question 16 Total household income over the past twelve months
- Question 17 Are you a registered community member of Six Nations?
- Question 18 Geographic distribution of respondents, and additional questions, comments, suggestions.

## **Question 1 - Do you think the Six Nations Community needs a transportation system?**

Out of 991 people who answered this question, approximately 899 responses (approximately 91%) stated yes, they think Six Nations needs a transportation system. 55 responses (approximately 4%) stated no, they do not think Six Nations needs a transportation system, and 37 respondents (approximately 6%) stated they didn't know.

Participants in the survey were also asked why they chose their answer. The answers in favour of a transportation system included:

1. For the elderly
2. For the youth and students
3. Safety
4. Financial Reasons- high cost of taxis/owning a car/insurance
5. A lot of other people don't have cars/insurance/legal vehicles
6. Social reasons- people are isolated without transportation
7. To aid with the potential for obtaining or retaining employment
8. To aid with the potential for continuing education
9. Environmental
10. Many people depend on others for a ride
11. Accessibility and disability issues
12. To get to appointments

The answers opposing a transportation system included:

1. I don't think people would use it
2. I have transportation/my family has transportation
3. We have taxis
4. The need is met by other means
5. There are too many cars on the roads here
6. Everyone here has a car

## **Question 2 - If transportation was available at Six Nations, would you use it? If no, why not?**

Out of the 993 people who answered this question, 613 (approximately 62%) said yes, they would use it. 291 respondents (approximately 29%) said they would not use it, and 89 (approximately 9%) said they weren't sure.

Of the people who answered if transportation was available, they would use it, some of the comments were:

“Would provide employment. I will save wear and fuel on my vehicle at times. Family, friends can count on consistent access to transportation to and from area towns, cities.”

Conversely, some respondents said if transportation was available, they would not use it, the most popular comments were:

- I have my own vehicle
- Not right now/ Maybe in the future, as I age
- I wouldn't but my kids would
- Don't need it
- I have a large family, it would take too much time
- Live off reserve
- My family drives me
- I don't think people would use it
- Need is met by other means

Some other comments include:

- “Everyone has cars.”<sup>1</sup>
- “Everything is within walking distance<sup>2</sup>. We have cabs.”
- “The more we become like a municipality the more we pay taxes.”

## **Question 3 - Are you able to travel to meet your day-to-day needs?**

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<sup>1</sup> By surveying the population, we find out that indeed not everyone has cars. In fact, we found that approximately 20% of the respondents to the survey do not own a vehicle.

<sup>2</sup> Six Nations reserve is about 46,500 square acres.

Of the 909 people who answered this question, 690 (approximately 76%) are able to meet their day-to-day needs while 217 (approximately 24 %) are **not** able to meet their day-to-day needs.

**Question 4 - What is your primary method of transportation to meet your day-to-day needs? Please check one.**

Of the 992 people who answered this question:

Drive a vehicle	688 responses
Passenger in a vehicle or carpool	206 responses
Walk	43 responses
Bicycle	5 responses
Taxi	15 responses
Wheelchair	6 responses
Other	29 responses

An additional 32 responses stated versions of the following:

- Ask a friend
- borrow a vehicle
- take the bus
- drive a vehicle but only on reserve
- family, hitchhike, walk
- hire people to take me to appointments
- hire a service
- do not travel- my family delivers what I need
- relatives take me
- rental vehicle
- use a walker

**Question 5 - Do you use existing transportation services at Six Nations? (i.e. medical transport, taxis, community programs, etc.)**

Out of 988 who responded to this question, 248 (approximately 25%) responded that yes, they do use existing transportation services at Six Nations, such as taxis, medical transport, etc., while about 739 (approximately 75%) answered they do not use those services.

Most people who said they do not use existing transportation services at Six Nations stated a version of one of the following reasons:

- I drive
- I own a vehicle
- No need
- I live off reserve
- Taxis are expensive/ cost
- Ask for rides from others/family
- Driving a vehicle is easier than booking an appointment or waiting for a cab
- I leave the option for those who need it/single parents/elderly/disabled
- The conception is there is nothing for young people.
- I use Kwiki B or another delivery service.

Most people who said they do not use existing transportation services stated they drive their own vehicles instead. However, many people commented on the quality of existing services, and stated specific reasons why they do not use the services themselves:

- Too expensive to be cost effective
- Difficult to book
- Cancel appointments often
- They are not reliable
- Too many restrictions, not convenient
- They don't usually apply to me
- I don't know about them
- No one replies back when I call

- Not open when I need them, no after hours service
- “Did before but they left me in Hamilton”

The survey results reflected that even people who own a car sometimes use community-based transportation services, such as medical transit or taxis.

In terms of people utilizing the private sector transportation options, such as taxis, some expressed concern that they are “too costly” or unpleasant to ride in. Of the respondents who mentioned taxis specifically, the following reasons were given as deterrents from using that service:

- Cost/ expensive
- Cleanliness

### **Question 6 - How many vehicles do you own?**

Zero vehicle	259 responses
One vehicle	472 responses
Two vehicles	214 responses
Three or more vehicles	42 responses

### **Question 7- Do you require specialized transportation? If yes, please check all that apply.**

With a total of 986 people answering this question, 46 (approximately 5%) people stated that they require specialized transportation. 936 (approximately 95%) people answered they do not require specialized transportation.

Wheelchair	23 responses
Other mobility aid	14 responses
Service dog	0 responses
Companion	13 responses

**Question 8 – Do any of the following reasons prevent you from getting where you need to go on a regular basis? If yes, please check all that apply.**

Out of 967 responses to this question, 398 respondents (approximately 41%) stated that they are prevented from getting where they need to go on a regular basis for the reasons below. 566 (approximately 59%) answered they were not prevented.

I don't have a driver's license/I have a suspended license	191 responses
I don't have access to a vehicle	196 responses
Finances	171 responses
Health Issues	64 responses
Disability	38 responses
Driving Conditions	74 responses
Other	46 responses

**Question 9 - If you are a business owner or employer do you experience work related problems with employees arriving on time due to lack of reliable transportation?**

Out of a total of 918 responses to this question:

407 people responded that this is not applicable to them

90 people responded that yes, they do experience this.

393 people responded no, they do not experience this.

28 people responded they do not know.

NB: While this question may have confused some people, and many answered “no” when they might have answered “not applicable”, it is the “yes” answer that is ultimately the indicative of a possible transportation issue.

**Question 10 - Can you describe your travel schedule? Please check all that apply.**

<b>Time of Travel</b>	<b>Employment</b>	<b>Education/ Training</b>	<b>Personal/ Social</b>	<b>Other (please specify)</b>
<b>Weekday mornings (5am-9am)</b>	368	97	198	19 Childcare, daycare, doctor, haircut, job search, kids to school, medical, outreach
<b>Weekdays 9am-3pm</b>	257	121	265	35 Lunch, appointments, methadone clinic, daycare, medical, groceries, kids school, shopping, volunteer
<b>Weekdays 4pm-6pm</b>	319	88	281	21 bank, child care, chiropractor, daycare, drive kids around, medical, meetings, methadone clinic, special, shopping, errands, sports, volunteer
<b>Weekdays 6pm-9pm</b>	136	49	334	18 Child's sports practices/games, errands, Brantford, groceries, kids to social, medical, meetings, shopping, sports, union activities, volunteer
<b>Weekdays 9pm-6am</b>	70	23	228	9 bank, post office, medical, sports
<b>Weekends 5am-noon</b>	79	18	340	18 family, groceries, kids, movies, shopping, sports, children's sports
<b>Weekends noon-8pm</b>	73	18	442	27 bank, bingo, casino, doctor, family, Brantford, grocery, kids, laundry, movies, necessities of life, shopping, children's sports, volunteer
<b>Weekends 8pm-5am</b>	55	11	322	8 groceries, kids, movies, visit family

**Question 11 – Can you tell us where you travel for the following purposes? Please check all that apply.**

<b>Purpose/Place</b>	<b>Brantford</b>	<b>Caledonia</b>	<b>Hagersville</b>	<b>Hamilton</b>	<b>Six Nations</b>	<b>Other (please specify)</b>
<b>Child Care</b>	33	8	10	15	93	2

<b>Education/ Training</b>	98	19	23	98	201	38 Ancaster, Barrie, Kingston, London, Niagara Falls, Toronto, St. Catherines, Stoney Creek, Toronto, Oakville, Tuscarora Indian Reserve, USA
<b>Employment</b>	142	32	40	86	404	48 All over, Ancaster, Burlington, Kitchener- Waterloo, Nanticoke, New Credit, Port Robinson, Smithville, St. Catherines, Stoney Creek, Toronto, Waterford
<b>Medical Appointments</b>	477	122	134	272	338	63 Ancaster, Belleville, Burford, Burlington, Cayuga, Dundas, Dunville, Kitchener- Waterloo, London, Mississauga, New Credit, Norwich, Port Dover, Simcoe, Toronto, Waterford
<b>Other Appointments</b>	222	52	61	119	119	32 Cambridge, Dundas, Erie, Hamilton, Kitchener- Waterloo,

						London, Paris, Simcoe, Toronto, Waterford
<b>Recreational/ Social Activities</b>	404	122	135	247	383	97 Ancaster, Buffalo, Cayuga, Fort Erie, Kitchener- Waterloo, Langton, Port Dover, New Credit, New York State, Niagara Falls, Norfolk County, Ottawa, Oxford County, Paris, Port Dover, Delhi, Simcoe, Rice Lake, Stoney Creek, Toronto, Townsend, USA, Waterford, Windsor
<b>Shopping</b>	706	266	386	443	248	129 Ancaster, Buffalo, Burlington, Cambridge, Flamborough, Seneca Casino, Fort Erie, London, New Credit, Niagara Falls, New York State, Port Dover, Simcoe, Tillsonburg, Norwich, Toronto, USA, Waterford
<b>Other</b>	58	23	25	28	52	46 Ancaster, Bingo, Birthing Centre, Brampton, Buffalo, Church,

						Delhi, work, family, games, sports, groceries, farmers market, Hartford, high school in Brantford, laundry, Niagara Falls, post office, night on town/food, racing, USA, Silver Fox bus, Simcoe, socializing, St. Catherines, Fort Erie, Sudbury, Toronto, USA, various errands, visit family, special events
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**Question 12 – Do you have difficulty traveling to the following locations to meet your day-to-day needs? If yes, please check all that apply.**

<b>Purpose/Place</b>	<b>Brantford</b>	<b>Caledonia</b>	<b>Hagersville</b>	<b>Hamilton</b>	<b>Six Nations</b>	<b>Other (please specify)</b>
<b>Child Care</b>	14	5	5	7	26	0
<b>Education/ Training (yellow school buses do not apply)</b>	28	10	11	27	37	2 Toronto
<b>Employment</b>	39	10	12	24	54	8 Delhi, Hwy 54, Kitchener-Waterloo, Niagara
<b>Medical Appointments</b>	92	25	30	69	48	8 Cayuga, London
<b>Other Appointments</b>	49	16	16	30	31	4 London, methadone, counseling, Port Dover
<b>Recreational/ Social Activities</b>	62	24	20	40	55	5 Toronto
<b>Shopping</b>	115	48	64	69	44	12 crafts supplies, Simcoe, Toronto
<b>Other</b>	17	10	10	13	13	6 Bingo, errands, family, special events, pow wow

### Question 13 - Gender

Of the 987 respondents who chose to answer this question, 331 respondents identified themselves as male. 656 respondents identified themselves as female.

### Question 14 - Age Groups

Of the 992 respondents who chose to answer this question:

15-19 years old	56 responses
20-34 years old	233 responses
35-49 years old	315 responses
50-64 years old	226 responses
65 years or older	162 responses

### Question 15 – Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply.

High school student	61 responses
College/University student	133 responses
Employed	479 responses
Self-employed	83 responses
Unemployed	110 responses
Retired	158 responses
Other	92 responses

### Question 16 – What was your total household income over the past twelve months (before taxes and other deductions?) Please check one.

Of the 963 responses to this question:

Less than \$10,000	74 responses
\$10,000-\$14,999	68 responses
\$15,000- \$19,999	43 responses
\$20,000-\$29,999	48 responses
\$30,000-\$39,999	81 responses
\$50,000-\$59,999	32 responses
\$40,000-\$49,999	40 responses
\$60,000 or more	69 responses
I don't know	66 responses
I prefer not to answer	442 responses

### Question 17- Are you a registered community member of Six Nations?

Of the 988 people who answered this question, 930, (approximately 94%), answered they are registered community members of Six Nations. 58 people (approximately 6%), answered no, they are not registered community members of Six Nations. This includes members of other First Nations and non-Aboriginal people.

### **Question 18 - Can you tell us the closest intersection to your house?**

Out of 973 people who answered this question, 855 (approximately 88%) answered that they live within the boundaries of the Six Nations reserve, while 116 (approximately 12%) stated they live off reserve.

The following is a list of towns and cities where people stated they live, if living off- reserve.

Ancaster	1 responses
Brantford	54 responses
Buffalo	1 response
Burlington	2 responses
Caledonia	5 responses
Christian Island	1 responses
Hagersville	2 responses
Delhi	1 responses
Hamilton	16 responses
Kenilworth	1 responses
Middleport	2 responses
New Credit	3 responses
Norwich	1 responses
Port Dover	1 responses
Selkirk	1 responses
Sudbury	1 responses
Toronto	2 responses
Villa Nova	1 responses
Wallaceburg	1 responses
Waterford	2 responses
Waterloo	1 responses
Wilsonville	1 responses
York	1 responses

The map below shows the distribution of participants in the survey who stated they do live on reserve, and identified the closest intersection to their house:



## **Additional Comments, Questions, Suggestions**

**Many of the comments, questions or suggestions were quite similar thematically. For that reason, we have created twenty (20) categories illustrating the most commonly expressed themes, with examples of comments, questions, or suggestions below.**

### **1. Accessibility**

“Is it going to be wheelchair accessible?”

“I use a wheelchair”

“Difficult to get to see family when I don't have a ride. My father can't get around”

“Must be wheelchair accessible/run throughout the day. Would be good for community. What is schedule?”

“I am in a wheelchair and need help. The program girls help me. I couldn't use a bus/cab on my own.”

“Disabled services are useful but don't go on weekends/evenings for social or recreational activities”

“Need to consider the needs of the legally blind on reserve. How soon, I need you”.

“My father's in a wheelchair. He needs help getting to his appointments. An equipped bus or van he would use. “

“Transport will have to consider parents/small children traveling together (strollers) and special needs

“Need wheelchair accessible transportation must be affordable. A darts bus would be good for dialysis appointments in Hamilton and Brantford.”

“This should have been in place years ago for our elders and disabled people have need for this on reserve”

“Need to consider the needs of the legally blind individuals on reserve. How soon.”

“People with disabilities and elders need it the most.”

“People with disabilities need specialized services- children need to be brought to medical appointments also.”

“People with disabilities want to be independent.”

“Transportation could reflect on a lot of people's health who may otherwise not have access to a doctor. See the DARTS system in Hamilton. For \$2.65 they will take you to your appointments. The public transit system in Hamilton will take you for free. The Jay Silverheels complex has a van but it doesn't run after hours, or rarely runs after hours.”

### **2. Helping the youth**

“Buses going to Hamilton would be great. I go to Mohawk and there are others going as well. I drive family.”

“Do something for the youth. Transportation needed. Kids need to get to practice.”

“Good for the community to progress. Children need to get to after school programs/events/town. Affordable.”

“Kids have trouble getting to their sports.”

“Kids need transportation.”

“Definitely needed. Would make a big difference on reserve. More kids would play sports.”

“For kids they can't get to activities.”

“Help the youth. They have a hard time getting rides for practice”

“I have no way to get to my tae kwon do classes on 2nd line. Gonna walk in the winter.”

“Our kids need rides for sports”

“If kids had a ride they would be more connected to the community”

“If kids had a safe way to get around they'd stay out of trouble and for social events.”

“I work in Ohsweken on weekends. It would be good to get a ride on a bus instead of asking mom. Shopping/visit Brantford and Hamilton.”

“In girl guides some people have to take cabs or have community services and would be good for them”

“I can't play sports after school.”

“I might not use it but my kids would”

“Transportation system needed—people able to maintain gainful employment and/or attend school. Youth—better access to recreational/social activities, i.e. sports after school—which is important to have other positive things to keep you busy.”

“I can't play sports after school. Don't have a way here. Have to miss [high] school to attend medical appointments during school hours.”

“Transportation to key campuses or connection to other transportation services would assist students immensely.”

“It is a good thing for young people who need to go to work. My grandson can't work because he has no ride.”

“There should be transportation for students. It depends on their success.”

“Students attending in Brantford need support”

“My Mom doesn't have a car and it's hard to get around on the reserve. I would use a bus to visit friends.”

### **3. Helping Seniors**

“Employ and assist elderly to remain independent. Single parents.”

“I live in a senior complex/need to be picked up there. Must be safe.”

“Elderly people need this service.”

“Make an elders discount when shops in Brantford have senior's discount days. Keep funds at home.”

“Older people need it the most. Some people don't drive at night.”

“For elderly.”

“For disabled elderly, for whom service is not provided on weekends.”

“Elders don't want to ask for rides.”

“Elders need to get around.”

“Elderly can't get out, especially in the wintertime.”

“Elderly have a lack of transportation.”

“Elderly unable to do shopping, socialize, community events.”

“Elderly need doctor's appointments, groceries, etc.”

“For my mom and other seniors.”

“For old people who don't drive.”

“Many people take advantage of old people who drive them around.”

### **4. Helping People in General**

“I need help getting around”

“It is needed. I would have used it if it was available.”

## **5. For employment**

“I think public transit would benefit those in need especially for employment.”

“Numerous people for rides daily.”

“I turned down employment as I did not have reliable transportation.”

“Help the community get around the reserve and off. More people could be employed if they have a ride.”

“Transportation needed for employment. People can get a job but they lose it when they can't get a ride.”

“Transportation system needed. People able to maintain gainful employment or attend school.”

“This would help a lot if I was able to get to Brantford. Jobs on the reserve not flexible for people with children.”

“It's hard with only one car and two are working. Shift work is hard to get a ride.”

“Would be good to get around on my own. Can't always rely on others. I would like to work if I had a ride.”

“People want to work off reserve but don't have rides.”

## **6. Financial / Affordability/Cabs are expensive**

“We have to pay a lot for taxis. It takes away from our food money.”

“It should be available for people with fixed incomes at a low cost.”

“What about insurance? If can't pay insurance for medical drivers. Talk to other places and learn.”

“What type of fuel? Where is money going to come from? Other reserve buses are privately owned. Going cost?”

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“Who is funding this project? Clifford Styres had a bus system.”

“Who pays? Taxis cost too much.”

“I hope you target welfare clients.”

“Cost is important. Has to be affordable.”

“Don't want a charge.”

“I think cost should be minimal to low income earners.”

“Would be good for people on welfare. I was on it and had \$26 after rent.”

“I use a delivery service from Brantford because QuickiB is double their rates.” “Depend on family/taxis.”

“We have to pay a lot of money for taxis. It takes away from our food money.”

“It's expensive to pay for parking. I used to drive people to appointments and there are not enough drivers.”

“Price of gas too high.”

## **7. Isolation in Community and Social Interaction**

“I don't get out much.”

“I don’t have any way to get home without asking for a ride. I don’t like asking and most times don’t.”

“About four years ago I would have liked to have gone to the CNIB and no service would take me. No one ever got back to me... I am blind and alone and would like to go places.”

“Visiting other families on reserve is important.”

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“For shut-ins on the reserve.”

“My Mom doesn't have a car and it's hard to get around on the reserve. I would use a bus to visit friends.”

“Many stuck at home.”

“People are isolated without transportation.”

“People are isolated on Six Nations.”

### **8. Cabs are expensive**

“I have to hire taxis.”

“I think cabs are expensive. Silver Fox is good.”

“It can be hard getting ride while on welfare and having a lot of appointments.”

“Taxi far too high to get to shopping areas (grocery).”

### **9. Thinking ahead**

“I might have transportation today but I might not in the future. We need to think about those who don't.”

“I plan to retire on Six Nations and will need/use transportation on reserve if cost effective”

“I might have transportation today but I might not in the future. We need to think about those who don't.”

“I might need some help when I'm older.”

“I might have transportation today but I might not in the future. We need to think about those who don't. There are a lot of proud people and who suffer instead of asking for help.”

“Think about the future. It's expensive to own a car. Have to ask family for help.”

“The increase of seniors in the community may require another bus soon and allow new staff and weekend transportation.”

“The kids might use it some day to go to the village for sports.”

“If I didn't have a car I would need help getting around. People can't afford to replace their cars.”

“If I lost my license.”

### **10. After hours or late night service**

“Is there going to be transportation in the evening?”

“For those who choose to drink and go out in the evenings.”

### **11. Existing services/ Inadequate medical service/ Restrictions**

“Coordinate medical appointments, dialysis in Hamilton  
“Always like using medical drivers-but not able to get to appointments right now because of cutbacks.”  
“Existing medical services do not do eye appointments.”  
“I depend on med drivers. It's difficult to get a ride at times.”  
“Need more medical drivers.”  
“There are age limits on some transportation programs”  
“Glad for services like Silver Fox but not able to bring a lot of groceries.”  
“Medical rides hard to schedule. Use home care. Let community know about existing programs.”  
“Increase Silver Fox services”  
“Medical drivers don't help people with physio appointments, only doctor's appointments. There needs to be another system other than medical drivers.”  
“Silver Fox is limited and doesn't go far. There is a need and sometimes people need a ride one way.”  
“Medical drivers should ask if people need a companion. Elderly people fall and need assistance.”  
“Was told by medical transportation that I could use anyone with a vehicle as a taxi but rate of driver so low by km.”  
“Others beside myself need transportation. Some medical drivers cancel appointments. Dangerous for son who bikes at night.”  
“There is an immediate need for emergency rides to off reserve hospitals and after-hours clinics.”

## **12. Safety- Uninsured, unlicensed, impaired drivers, etc.**

“How will it be regulated against drunks and addicts?  
“How are you going to deal with difficult people? What is cost? On/off reserve? When running: night/day?”  
“Get uninsured cars off the road”  
“I don't want the bus/cab to run me over. I don't go anywhere.”  
“Cops don't do anything.”  
“Just concerned with speeders.”  
“Less people will drive illegally”  
“People don't stop at 4ways. I run my granddaughters around. It's not safe to walk on road.”  
“People have been killed walking at Six Nations. Kids can't get jobs or visit without asking for a ride.”  
“Safety concerns is priority. Want to be independent.”  
“Many people drive on the reserve w/o legal vehicles. Some don't have the finances to get new cars.”  
“People have been killed walking on Six Nations. Kids can't get jobs or visit others without asking for a ride.”  
“Would be worried about safety at night.”  
“Safety of passengers and drunk drivers is important.”

“Six Nations has a high rate of drunk driving and traffic deaths. Need to improve road safety.”

“Not safe to drive on reserve. Too many illegal drivers.”

“Sidewalks necessary; too many drunk drivers”

“Privately or publicly owned? Cost? Times?”

“Need sidewalks and bike lanes.”

“Too many people walking.”

### **13. Family drives me/ I drive others/ I carpool/ Ridesharing**

“Because I am unemployed I have been taking a lot of elders to appointments/errands because there are no services.”

“I supply transportation to some community handicap.”

“Family can't always help others when they have jobs.”

“Daughter and son take me where I need to go.”

“I carpool with others. Others should as well.”

“I rely on another to get back/forth to school.”

“I rely on family to take me shopping and to my specialist.”

“I rely on family. This is not the case with everyone. Some people don't have planes and no transportation.”

“I rely on others. It would be good to have something on the reserve. Taxis are expensive.”

“Family works and it's difficult to take time off work and drive family members to appointments.”

“Family may not always be available. Sometimes I have to walk or hitch a ride.”

“I have to depend on my daughter.”

“I don't have trouble getting to my appointments as my wife drives me.”

“I need someone to drive for me. Others are in my situation.”

“I would like to be able to get around on my own. I have to depend on others to take me shopping.”

“My daughter and grandkids take me where I want to go.”

“I would love to have a cheap way to get back and forth to Brantford.”

“I have to depend on my relatives to take me around. I need help getting around. I'm 82. Would like to be able to get around, groceries, bank. I need something other than the Silver Foxes. I need to get to Brantford to do banking.”

“Only one family member helps me.”

“I end up being taxi for others- no time for me.”

### **14. Missed work/educational opportunities/I left the reserve because no work/transport**

“I left the reserve as I had no transportation.”

“I live in Brantford and moved because I couldn't find work on reserve. There should be a way to go home.”

“I am moving to Brantford because I can get around better. It's too hard here on reserve.”

“I suffered for years due to lack of reliable transportation- lost opportunities to work.”

“I would attend school at GREAT if I had transportation. I would visit relatives.”

“I would like to attend the schools at Six Nations if I had a ride.”

- “I would work for reserve if I had a ride. I could save up.”
- “If there was transportation I'd move back to the reserve.”
- “I would like to take training on reserve so that I can get a job”
- “I'm only living in Brantford to work.”
- “Make it affordable. I had to move to Brantford because of transportation.”
- “I would work on the reserve if I had reliable transportation.”
- “I would take training at GREAT if I had a ride. Make it affordable if you do it!”
- “I'm in school at OSTTC. 16 [students] in class and some need a ride.”

### **15. Pessimistic Perspectives**

- “It won't work. There are not enough people who do not have a car to support this.”
- “Six Nations does not need a transportation system.”

### **16. Optimistic perspectives**

- “I hope it will happen (but it probably won't)
- “I hope it something comes of it.”
- “I hope we get this going.”
- “I live on the boundary line. I'm not native but it would be good.”

### **17. Practical Suggestions re: routes, scheduling, overall design of potential system**

- “All community groups/agencies should pitch in to cover costs.”
- “Assistance- bus passes for status [card holders] in the meantime.”
- “Band gets \$34000/person w a status card every year. Our own band council is ripping us off.”
- “Concern about the pavement”
- “Would like to see a stoplight at Chiefswood and 3rd Line.”
- “Have swipe cards and bus passes for the month.”
- “Don't need a big transportation system. Start with something small.”
- “There should be several relatively small vehicles—look at African, Central American, or Caribbean transportation systems and also at the Toronto airport parking transportation systems like Park and Fly. It would be good PR to make them hybrid or electric, Consider a public subsidy to private operators who would have to meet safety and inspection standards, but the operators would buy vehicles and insurance.”
- “If there is a bus/van it should be affordable and have a DVD player.”
- “If there was one form of transportation to choose I think bus would be best. Would it affect school buses?”
- “Include New Credit to develop partnership.”
- “Include hwy 54.”
- “Run till 11pm (especially bingo)”
- “Train the bus drivers in safety”
- “Use status card and ride for free”
- “Have a 1800#. Should be a fund for those who cannot afford it. Some won't ask for help. Screen individuals.”
- “Six Nations needs subsidized taxi service for low income and emergency service for certain situations.”

- “Organize buddy system for iron workers.”
- “Make it simple. What is the expense/price to ride?”
- “Either a full system w frequent arrivals/departures or a very flexible system responds to individual needs.”
- “GREAT should help people get transportation if they help them get jobs-pay market price for rides in budget.”
- “Want to more about the delivery of service once up and running”
- “Sometimes I carpool to Hamilton. It's cheaper. You might want to encourage others to do so.”
- “Should be something like buses. Cabs are too expensive.”
- “Must look professional with marked cars and no dam smokes”
- “Privately or publicly owned? Cost? Times?”
- “Should have a service when young mothers are helped with their children. If there is a bus system.”
- “Natural gas or diesel?”
- “Public transportation would be great for movies.”
- “Should be for off reserve as well.”
- “Should have been happening a long time ago. Make it regular so people can use it.”
- “How about a helicopter? Bus system would be nice.”
- “Need for on/off reserve. Help the medical drivers. It's not working.”
- “Should have been started years ago. Who will pay for this?”
- “Perhaps the concerned patients could go together for support and economics.”

## **18. People who notice others having trouble**

- “I work at a social service agency on reserve. There are many clients unable to be consistent because of no transportation.”
- “I work at the pharmacy part time and know a lot of people come in and say they don't have a ride.”
- “I work in Corrections in Health. Men and women getting out of jail need a ride home and visitors. Be good for Pow wow.”
- “I see a lot of people walking.”
- “I know a lot of people who always need a ride here and there and need transportation.”
- “Some of the services could use the help.”
- “Some people need the help.”
- “Some people need specialized services.”
- “Work in the community as a Health Care Provider. See clients experiencing difficulty getting transportation to appointments i.e. medical, financial, etc. Service clients that are wheelchair bound, mentally challenged, to some degree, needing reliable, safe transportation. Clients who are fixed income would benefit from this service. Will it be a fee for service? Cost involved?”

## **19. Remembering the old bus to Brantford**

- “I remember the bus to Brantford. That would be good if that came back.”
- “It's a puppet council. I remember the bus used to go to Brantford. A lot of guys would run smokes...”

“Used to be a bingo bus that was good but need to consider the everyday basic needs like food/doctor appointments.”

“Used to be buses going from Brantford to Polytechnic; should get that going again.”

“If Council is going to run this- they need to pay well. Freddy Johnson had a bus system years ago.”

## **20. The Environment**

“It would be nice to be able to use pub. Transportation on reserve in order to save the environment.”

## **21. Quality of Life and Other Comments**

“Help the community get better and grow.”

“Good idea. It would help the community be a better place to live.”

“I believe our community would benefit from this GREATLY. Before I obtained my driver’s license I relied on others.”

“People need to get to their appointments. Would be good for the whole community.”

Others listed other things as priorities:

“Drinking water is more important than transportation.”

Another person stated their reason for opposition to the idea of a transportation system:

“Will cause more harm than good. The more we become like a municipality the more we will have to pay taxes.”

Other Comments

“Transportation especially accessible transportation is needed. It cost me \$7 to go to Polytech, I usually walk to school. I lived with my husband who was terminally ill for 2 years. Had to go on ODSP. Our social, emotional needs not being met or stimulated as we were restricted to the reserve. It was hard to get medical transportation. Had to call Brant Taxis to go to Brantford to get groceries and an occasional movie. It’s not always safe in Ohsweken. I would like to volunteer but it takes money. My husband and family were not able to access resources that would have improved quality of life. But no money for transportation and medical drivers couldn’t take us as it was not medical.”

“People need rides when car breaks down or when medical condition requires no driving for that day. Day surgeries, discharge from hospital, dental work. It can be costly if you need to call a taxi to take you to a medical appointment. People need to go to sporting events, social activities, Laundromats, banks, banking needs, post office, malls, grocery stores, child care.”

“Would not want people to abuse it; should be for people who need it”

“A transportation system for the community would employ as well as assist Elderly to remain independent and less chance of elder financial abuse i.e. paying high cost for rides; would also help single parents and others with no access to vehicles or having little support system in place. Could help youth access employment who cannot afford vehicle and insurance. Help everyone access recreation.”