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Introduction

As part of a regional customer satisfaction measurement program, CJI Research, LLC conducted a survey of customers onboard GoDurham buses from November 11 through 19, 2022. Similar surveys had been conducted in 2018 and 2019 with customers of GoDurham, GoTriangle, GoCary, and GoRaleigh. The 2022 GoDurham survey includes 1,471 responses and has a margin of error of 2.6% at the 95% level of confidence.

The 2018 survey was intended to provide a baseline for comparison to later annual surveys and is compared to the 2019 and 2022 data in several sections of this report. To the extent that differences exceed the margin of error (2.6%), they can be considered meaningful. However, there were major circumstantial differences between the ridership in 2018-2019 and 2022. The COVID pandemic intervened in 2020-2021 causing major disruptions in long-standing commuting and other local travel patterns. This necessitated service reductions and resulted in a major loss of ridership for GoDurham as it did for all transit systems nationally. A free-fare policy was introduced to help reduce ridership loss and provide assistance to the community. Free fares were still in place at the time of the 2022 survey. This had a significant impact on riders’ demographic and local travel characteristics. Changes in such things as customer satisfaction and rider travel may have to do with either (or both) system performance and/or changed rider needs and perceptions.

Major Findings of the 2022 GoDurham Passenger Survey

Ratings of Service Quality

- The survey obtained customer ratings of overall GoDurham service and 18 specific elements of service. A seven-point scale was used on which a score of 1 means very poor and a score of 7 means excellent.
- The percentage rating GoDurham service overall as 7 was 23% in 2022, the same as 24% in 2019. However, in 2022, 16% rated service overall as 6, for a total of 39% giving scores of either 6 (very good) or 7 (excellent). This combination of the two scores is down from 48% in 2019.
- Most of the ratings of the 18 specific elements of service, rated are lower in 2022 than in 2019.
- The top rated specific service elements with scores of 6 or 7 include:
  - Weekday service hours 44%, down from 51% in 2019 and 56% in 2018, but nevertheless the aspect of service with the highest percent giving six to seven ratings.
  - Weekday service frequency and ease of transfer within the GoDurham system, each with 42% giving scores of six or seven are next highest rated. Both scores have declined since 2019, however. In 2019, 47% had rated service frequency as six to seven, and 50% had rated ease of transfer within the GoDurham system as six to seven.

Using GoDurham

- Trip purpose is primarily oriented to employment (60%), shopping (14%), and school/college (10%). These percentages are very similar to those of the 2019 survey.
- Pre-pandemic, 80% of current riders were using GoDurham regularly, while 20% have begun using GoDurham only since 2021.
- 21% are new riders since 2021, while 63% have ridden GoDurham for three or more years.
- 56% of current riders used GoDurham four or more days a week through the pandemic.
- 62% use only GoDurham in a typical week, and no other bus systems. Conversely, 38% use at least one of the other systems each week.
GoDurham pr provides key support for employment and education. Of all GoDurham customers, 44% are employed full time and 19% part time (both unchanged since 2019). Another 16% are students, for a total of 79% of customers being employed or students.

Of employed customers 79% are working on-site on all working days, while 8% are working only remotely and 12% work a combination of on-site and remote.

72% of GoDurham customers identify themselves as African American, while 13% identify themselves as Caucasian/White, 8% Hispanic, 4% Asian, 1% Native American, and 3% “Other.”

There has been an age-shift since 2019. In 2019 43% were 30 or younger, while in 2022, only 33% are 30 or younger. Thus, the ridership is now significantly older than in previous years.

Unlike the customer base of most transit systems in the United States, approximately the same percentage of GoDurham riders identify as women (50%) as men (48%). (2% preferred to identify as non-binary or preferred not to answer.) In the United States, the ridership of systems consists of significantly more women than men.

Similar to the ridership of many bus systems, GoDurham customer households tend to report that they have extremely low household incomes. In this survey, 34% report income of less than $10,000 and only 8% report household incomes of $50,000 or more.

Customers are quite transit dependent, with 77% reporting that they have no vehicle available to them. This represents a significant increase from the 65% reporting in 2019 that they lacked access to a vehicle.

36% have used Uber or Lyft at least once in the thirty days prior to the survey a major decrease from 49% in 2019.

Of the 36% using Uber or Lyft in the previous thirty days, 45% (or 16% of all GoDurham customers) used Uber or Lyft to replace a GoDurham trip.

Of that same 36% who have used Uber or Lyft, 48% (or 17% of all customers) have used them as part of a GoDurham trip.

81% of riders use their mobile phones to check on local transit service, a major increase from the 56% using a transit app in 2019.

The use of transit apps has increased substantially in all age groups but remains inversely related to age. While 92% of riders under the age of 20 and 94% of those from 20 to 24 use a transit app, only 69% of those 65 or older do so.

However, it is interesting that even in the oldest group, 69% of the customers use a transit app.
Introduction and Methodology
Background

As part of a regional transit passenger demographic and customer satisfaction measurement program, CJI Research, LLC conducted a survey of customers onboard GoDurham buses from November 11 through 19, 2022. Similar surveys had been conducted by CJI Research during with customers of GoDurham, GoTriangle, GoCary, and GoRaleigh in 2018 and 2019, although they were not part of the regional program.

Methods: How the 2022 Survey Was Conducted

SAMPLE

A random sample of runs was drawn from a list of all GoDurham runs. This initial sample was examined to determine whether the randomization process had omitted any significant portion of GoDurham’s overall route structure. The sample was adjusted slightly to take minor deviations omissions into account.

Survey data collection occurred onboard the buses. On the bus, survey staff approached all customers rather than a sample. The only exception was that customers who appeared younger than sixteen were not approached, both for reasons of propriety and because children are typically unable to provide meaningful answers to several of the questions.

Because all customers on the buses were surveyed rather than only a sample, there was little or no opportunity for a survey staff member to introduce bias in the selection of persons to survey. In effect, a bus operating within a specified window of time became a sample cluster point in a sample of such clusters throughout the total system.

The GoDurham survey includes 1,471 respondents and has a margin of error of +/-2.6% at the 95% level of confidence. When the distribution of responses is other than 50:50 on a specific question, the sample error for a given sample size decreases. If a sub-sample is used, sample error increases. However, with an overall sample of 1,471 respondents, this would affect the findings only in a few circumstances in which only small sub-segments of the ridership were being examined separately.

DATA COLLECTION

Temporary workers from the Greer Group Inc. and Robert Half, Inc. of Durham and Raleigh, NC were trained to administer the surveys under the supervision of Ronny Kraft Consulting. Surveyors wore smocks identifying them in large print as “Transit Survey” workers. This uniform helps customers visually understand why a stranger (an interviewer) would be approaching them, thus increasing trust and cooperation rate.

In most cases, the survey personnel met the bus operators at the beginning of their shifts and rode the buses throughout the driver’s assignment. In a few cases, to assure broader coverage of certain routes, surveyors rode partial runs and then transferred to another route or run.

The questionnaire was self-administered. Survey staff handed a questionnaire and a pen to each customer, asked them to complete the survey, and to return it to them before leaving the bus.
At the end of each sampled trip on a given run, the survey personnel placed the completed surveys in an envelope marked with the route, the run, the time, and the day and reported to the survey supervisors who completed a log form detailing the assignment. A total of 214 trips were sampled and recorded in this manner.

**Participation Rates**

### Completion Rates on GoDurham Onboard Survey, 2022

**A total of 5,330 adults (16 years old or older) were riding during the surveyed trips and had a chance to participate. Of these customers:**

- Of this total... 1,534 said they had already completed the survey or 29%
- thus, 3,796 had not yet completed the survey and were eligible to participate or 71%
- minus 1,691 of those who had not yet completed the survey refused outright or 32%
- minus 284 customers who spoke a language other than English or Spanish or 5%
- Thus: 1,821 accepted the survey form with the apparent intention of finishing it or 34%

**Thus, these 1,821 customers represent, the total "effective distribution, " i.e., the raw sample**

- Of these... 374 accepted the survey form but did not complete it on the bus or 14%
- and 1,447 completed the survey on the GoDurham bus or 79%
- 12 mailed it or returned it to an operator on another bus or 1%
- Final sample: 1,471 returned questionnaires used in the survey or 81%

Of riders 16 or older riding on a surveyed vehicle, including those who had already completed the survey, this represents: 28%

Of all adults riding on a surveyed vehicle who had not yet completed the survey, this represents: 39%

Of all the customers on sampled trips who accepted a questionnaire, this represents: 81%

Of the 1,471 GoDurham respondents:
- 1,283, or 87% completed all questions in the survey.
- Another 29 respondents (2%) completed all but the final question, household income.
- Therefore, 1,312 completed all questions or all but the income question.
- This means that 89% of the sample answered at least 97% of the questions.

In the analysis, those who did not respond to a question are eliminated from the computation of percentages and mean scores unless there was a way to infer the response. For example, if a rider gave getting to or from school, as a trip purpose it was apparent that this was a student, and that employment could be coded as "student," even if the respondent had not responded to the employment question.

Survey participation rates changed from those experienced in 2018. We believe that this was primarily a consequence of the free fare policy. Compared to the GoDurham surveys conducted in 2018 and 2019, the percentage of those who had already completed the survey increased from 19% of those approached to 29%. Evidence from debriefing of survey staff indicates that the reason was that, presumably because of the free fare program, an unusually large number of people were riding continually. There were other smaller changes as well. Ultimately the percentage of those approached by the survey team who completed the survey either on the bus or by mailing it back, was 90% in 2019 but 81% in 2022. In terms of the number of individual persons riding, as opposed to ridership, more people were clearly making multiple trips and were encountered by survey teams on multiple occasions compared to survey in prior years. This had the effect of reducing the
planned sample size, although the final sample is nevertheless robust. It also appears to have had a significant impact on the demographics of the 2022 riders, especially in terms of age. More on this in a later chapter.

**Questionnaire**

The questionnaire was self-administered. It is reproduced in Appendix A.

The questionnaires were serial numbered so that records could be kept for the route and day of the week on which the questionnaire was completed. This is a more accurate method than asking customers which route they are riding when completing the survey.

The survey is printed in English on one side and in Spanish on the other. In the survey sample, 123 customers, or 8% of the effective final unweighted sample identified themselves as Hispanic, but 80, or 5% of the completed questionnaires were completed in Spanish. Stated in another way, two-thirds of the customers identifying themselves as Hispanic completed the survey in Spanish and one-third in English.

**Analysis**

Analysis consists primarily of crosstabulations and frequency distributions. Tables were prepared in SPSS, version 29, and charts in Excel Office 365. The GoDurham survey will be archived by CJI Research, LLC so that it will be available for further analysis as needed.

With a few exceptions, all percentages are rounded to the nearest whole number. In a few cases, when this could have caused important categories to round to zero, or when comparisons between charts would appear inconstant if tenths were not included, percentages may be carried to tenths. Rounding causes some percentage columns to total 99% or 101%. These are not errors and should be ignored.
Ridership Trends

To fully understand the survey results, it is important to understand the context of GoDurham ridership. Figure 1 is derived from internal GoDurham ridership data, not from the survey. For the period 2012 through 2021 the average annual ridership was 6.3 million trips. Ridership declined, to slightly below the average by 2016, then rose to a high point in 2018, declining only slightly by 2019. However, the pandemic of 2020 – 2021 caused ridership to plunge to 4.5 million by 2021.

GoDurham ridership exceeded bus ridership trends nationally through this period. If we compare ridership as a percentage of ridership in the base year of 2012, we can see that in 2021 GoDurham ridership had fallen to 72% of the 2012 level while nationally, bus ridership fell to only 36% of the 2012 level.

Fare Change

The other major change in context, already mentioned in the previous section, is that free fares were put into effect. This appears to have had a significant impact on the characteristics of the riders, but it is not one that can be quantified by using the survey data because the fare structure is only one of the many changes that occurred in the contest of the COVID pandemic.
Respondents were asked about their employment. They could include more than one category, such as student and employed, for example. Thus in Figure 4, the columns total more than 100%.

In 2022, 44% of GoDurham customers reported being employed full time, while another 19% said they were employed part time. These figures were statistically unchanged from the 2019 results. Several results did change significantly, however. The percentage of students declined from 24% in 2018 to 21% in 2019, then to 16% in 2022. From 2019 to 2022, the percentage of retired riders rose from 8% to 12% and of unemployed persons from 8% to 15%.

**Working Remotely**

The practice of working remotely continues post-pandemic for many employees. Among GoDurham customers, 8% say they are currently working only remotely, and another 12% say they work remotely on some days and in-person on other days.
Regardless of whether the employed respondents said they currently were working remotely; they were asked whether their jobs could be done remotely. Of full-time employees, 17% said their jobs can be done remotely, while among part-time employees, 24% said their jobs could be done remotely. Given the much smaller number of part-time employees, the percentage for all employed GoDurham customers is the same as for full time employees, 17%, who said their jobs could be done remotely.

**Income of Rider Households**

As is true of riders in many transit passenger surveys of other systems, most GoDurham riders have very low household incomes. In 2022, 34% reported household incomes of less than $10,000. The percentage in this lowest income category decreased from 39% in 2019 and 42% in 2018. In the same time period, the percentage of customers placing their households in the income range of $10,000 to $34,999 increased from 43% to 54%.

Two things are going on here. First, employment in 2018 and 2019 had not yet plunged to the pandemic lows of 2020 and 2021. By 2022, unemployment recovery was strong, household employment and income were rising and unemployment stood at only 2.7% in Durham County. From the 4th quarter 2020 to 4th quarter 2021, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, wages in Durham County were up by 7%. They appear to have continued rising since then. However, in November 2022 when the survey was conducted, the rate of wage increase nationally was 6.4%, but the inflation rate nationally in that same month was 7.1% so that in real terms their income was flat although it was increasing.

What does this mean for the survey results? Income in the rider survey is measured in ranges (See question 14 in the questionnaire in Appendix A, page 40). Thus, respondents who in 2019 were (for example) in the upper end of the income range of $10,000 to $19,999, may have checked the box indicating household income of
$10,000 to $19,999 in the survey that year, but may well have experienced nominal wage increases that in 2022 led them to check the box indicating income of $20,000 to $34,000. Since inflation rates were roughly equal to wage growth, those GoDurham customers were not experiencing real increases in wealth. However, the applicable categories used in the survey were changing thus making it appear that the ridership as a whole was becoming more prosperous when in fact real income was static.

As one would expect, income is related to the employment circumstances of customers. For obvious reasons, full-time workers report the highest levels of income. Even within that comparatively prosperous group, however, 83% report incomes of less than $50,000. Of those who are unemployed, 68% report incomes of less than $10,000. Of part-time workers (many of whom are students) 50%, report incomes of that low level.

In 2022, household incomes below $10,000 seem unlikely. However, in a minimum wage job ($7.25 in NC), even if a person worked full time for 2,000 hours a year, the income would be only $14,500. Frequently, such low wage jobs do not provide a full 2,000 hours of work, with the result that incomes can fall below that level. It is important to remember that responses to the income question in surveys are approximations. For example, the real income of a household with earning income under $10,000 may be supplemented by such programs as SNAP and Medicaid. And the real incomes of those who are employed and have fully paid health insurance, and those who are sixty-five or older and on Medicare, or students on scholarships (etc.) have income supplements that are unlikely to be accounted for in a quick survey response about household income. Thus, the actual income levels may be understated, though still low compared to the community at large.
GoDurham customers are equally split by gender, 50% female and 49% male, with 1% preferring not to state a gender identity. The gender balance has not changed since 2018.

Nationally, according to the CJI APTA report on ridership nationally, among bus customers, 56% are women. In a recent CJI survey of customers of Bee-Line (Westchester County, NY) 59% were women. Others such as Ann Arbor, Michigan (TheRide) are closer to the GoDurham results with 49% male, 48% female and 3% non-binary or prefer not to answer.

**Gender of the Customers**

In measuring ethnicity, it is important to focus on self-identification by asking "Do you consider yourself to be...?" and asking that respondents note all descriptions that apply to them. Despite the instruction to “...check all that apply to you,” all but a few GoDurham respondents checked only one identity.

In 2022, 72% of the respondents identified themselves as African American/Black and 13% as Caucasian/White. These two groups account for 85% of the ridership. The percentage identifying as African American increased form 65% in 2019 to 72% in 2022, and those identifying as Hispanic increased slightly from 6% to 8% while Asians declined from 7% to 4%. Customers identifying as Native American Indian remained constant at 1%. The “Other” category allowed for a handwritten response. But the write-ins were predominantly expressions of nationality or cultural groups (Greek, Egyptian, Jewish, etc.), or notations such as “mixed,” or sardonic (e.g., American, Human) which in this context are not helpful.

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The overwhelming majority (90%) of GoDurham customers most often speak English at home, a decrease from 95% in 2019. On the other hand, 7% speak Spanish at home, an increase from 4% in 2019.

Of GoDurham customers, one hundred twenty three respondents in the unweighted sample identified themselves as Hispanic, but only eighty, or 65% of the questionnaires, were completed in Spanish. Of customers who identify as Hispanic, 71% say they speak Spanish at home, while most others (28%) speak English.

Of Asian customers, 38% say they speak a language other than English or Spanish, primarily Chinese.

As one would expect, the sense of feeling comfortable when speaking English is associated with the ethnic/racial identity of the respondent. While more than 90% of both those identifying as African American or White say they are very comfortable in English, only 41% of those identifying as Hispanic and 56% of those identifying as Asian feel very comfortable.

A small number of GoDurham customers speak other languages. One sampled rider speaks each of the following: Burmese, Creole, Filipino, German, Hindi, Korean, Odia, Persian, Playa, Polish, Tamil, Thai, Turkish, Ukraine, Vietnamese. Two each speak Malaysian, Farsi, and Portuguese. Four speak both Arabic and French, four speak Italian, and eight speak Chinese (including one who specifies Mandarin).
64, the percentage of the general population in each five-year age group is larger than that of the riders.

**Changing Age of GoDurham Customers, 2018-2022**

In 2022, the ridership is older than it had been in 2019. From 2019 to 2022 the percent of riders in the youngest age range shown in Figure 15 declined from 43% to 33% of the ridership, while middle aged riders (31 to 50) increased from 30% to 38%. In the 2018 and 2019 surveys, customers 30 or younger comprised a plurality of the riders at 42% and 43%, respectively. In 2022 only 33% were 30 or younger. The percentage of middle aged riders increased substantially to 38% in 2022 from 30% in 2019. The percentage of customers 51 or older increased only minimally, from 27% to 29%.

These changes constitute a major change in the demography of GoDurham riders. It is important to remind the reader that this survey was conducted during a period when fares were free. When fares are reinstated, this age distribution and other demographics may or may not revert to an earlier pattern.
Age of Customers

In many pre-pandemic surveys of transit customers in other cities, CJI has found that the age profile of any given system’s bus ridership tends to follow an age progression similar to what the 2019 survey showed (See Figure 16). In the two figures that follow we see a more detailed view of the age distribution of riders in each of those years. Riders in 2019 in the age range 16-25 constituted 30% of the ridership, while in 2022 (Figure 17), they make up only 22%. The shift is to those in the age range 26 to 40, especially in the range of 31 to 40. The survey cannot tell us why this shift occurred, only that it did.

Given that the surveys were conducted at about the same time of year, it is not likely that this result reflects the effect of school schedules on the sample. Because the 2019 survey was pre-pandemic and the 2022 survey what we might call early post-pandemic, we have to assume that the impact of the pandemic must have had something to do with this change through its impact on reduction of service levels, increases in remote working and other factors. In addition, fares were free during the 2022 survey but not at the time of the 2019 survey.

In 2022 (Figure 17), about one-fourth to one-third of GoDurham ridership falls into a youthful cohort, ranging in age from 16 to approximately 25. After the age of 25, the percentage of transit customers in each age group drops off somewhat, declining in an irregular pattern, but declining nonetheless.

The age progression shown in Figure 16 is a fairly typical life cycle representation of riders’ ages in the pre-pandemic period through 2019. Although ridership in all-bus system was declining throughout the United States, a disproportionate percentage of riders were 25 or younger and there was a typical life-stage progression as many of those young transit customers entered a career phase in their mid-twenties, earning more money, often buying a vehicle, and ceasing to use public transit. Others, however, continued to use public transit services, thus helping to maintain ridership numbers to a large extent. They serve as a source of new longer-term ridership. If the proportion of young riders diminishes, it suggests that the pool of riders will diminish over time as older riders retire or age-out for other reasons and are not replaced by younger persons.
Using GoDurham
Trip Purpose: Use of GoDurham for Various Purposes, 2018-2022

Customers were asked to name the single main purpose for which they use GoDurham.

- Getting to or from work remains the primary trip-purpose GoDurham customers. In 2022 60% were traveling to work, about the same level as in 2019 (62%).
- School and college trips make up another 10% of trips, down somewhat from 14% in 2019. (This may have been affected by school breaks associated with the Thanksgiving holiday.).
- Another 14% of the customers indicate that they use GoDurham for shopping trips.
- Medical and recreational trips account for 7%.

Employment andTrip Purpose

That employment would be closely related to trip purpose would appear self-evident. However, there are some variations. As expected, 90% of those employed full-time and 75% of part-time workers use GoDurham to go to or from work. Another 10% of part-time workers are headed for school.

Less expected is that 19% of those who say they are unemployed say they are going to, or coming from, work. They are in temporary jobs of some sort while looking for work and consider themselves to be unemployed. Similarly, 9% of retirees say they are making a work trip, probably working part time but still considering themselves to be primarily retired.

Students, as expected, are going either to school (71%) or to work (10%).
Use of Area Bus Systems

Respondents were asked which of the transit systems in the region they use in a typical week. Because they may use multiple systems, the sums of the percentages in Figure 20 exceed 100%.

As expected, most riders (91%) say they use GoDurham in a typical week. Conversely, this suggests that about 9% do not use GoDurham every week and either were encountered by the survey in one of their multi-system trips, or that they use GoDurham only occasionally, and not in a “typical week.”

Of all GoDurham customers, 62% said they typically use GoDurham but none of the other systems in the Triangle area in a typical week. Conversely, 38% tend to use at least one other system besides GoDurham.

It is not surprising that Chapel Hill Transit and Duke Transit share significantly in the GoDurham customer base (total of 17%) because of all GoDurham customers 16% are students and 10% were traveling to school when surveyed.

Mode to the GoDurham Bus Stop

Most people, 86%, usually walk to their bus stop. This percentage is significantly higher than in 2019 (79%) or 2018 (80%) because the percentage saying that they reached their first GoDurham bus via transit dipped from 11% in 2019 to 5% in 2022.
Transferring

Most GoDurham riders, 69%, transfer during their trip. The transfer question was not asked in 2018 or 2019 surveys because those were “short-form” surveys. However, the transfer rate was 78% in a 2017 CJI survey for GoDurham. In other previous CJI surveys for what was then called DATA, the transfer rates were 58% in 2015 and 65% in 2011.

There has been no consistent trend in the percentage of GoDurham riders who transfer. The rate has fluctuated from 65%, then 58%, then 78%, and now 69%.

Duration of Riding GoDurham

Of the current GoDurham ridership, 14% said in November of 2022 that they had begun riding in the past six months, i.e., since approximately May 2022. Another 7% said “Less than one year.” Thus, a total of 21% are new riders since the pandemic began to run its course and we entered an early post-pandemic period of semi-normalcy.

Conversely, 15% had begun using GoDurham in the past 1-2 years – i.e., during the height of the pandemic in 2020-2021. The largest share of the current ridership had begun riding in the past 3 to 4 years (17%) or 5 or more years ago (46%).

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2 In the three-year survey project, each of the four participating systems is surveyed with a larger sample and a longer questionnaire. 2022 is GoDurham’s turn for the longer questionnaire which includes the transfer question.

3 Prior to the Wake Transit Plan surveys of which this 2022 survey is a part, CJI had conducted three surveys in 2011, 2015, and 2017.
Pre-Pandemic Use of GoDurham

Of the ridership in 2022, 20% say they were not using GoDurham in 2019, while 80% had been riding regularly in those pre-pandemic days. At that time, they divided fairly equally into very frequent riders using GoDurham six or seven days a week (28%), those riding four or five days a week, and those riding less often 24%.

Use of GoDurham During the Height of the Pandemic

Of the current ridership, 17% say they were not using GoDurham at all during the worst of the pandemic, 2020-2021. However, more than half, 56%, were using GoDurham frequently then, with 28% riding four or five days and 28% riding six or seven days. Others were using GoDurham less often, one to three days (18%) or irregularly, less than one day a week (8%).
Availability of a Vehicle

GoDurham customers are quite transit dependent, with 77% reporting in 2022 that they have no vehicle available to them. This represents a very substantial increase from the 65% and 68% reporting in 2019 and 2018, respectively, that they lacked access to a vehicle.

Use of Uber or Lyft in Past Thirty Days

Since ride-hailing has become mainstream, mode choice is no longer simply about owning or leasing a personal vehicle. Of all GoDurham customers, 64% say they have not used ride-hailing services in the Triangle Region during the past thirty days. Conversely, this means that 36% have used one of the ride-hailing services, including 8% who have used them only once, 8% twice, and 20% who have used them three or more times. This is a stark reduction in from 2018 and 2019 when 47% and 49%, respectively, used ride-hailing.
Use of Uber and/or Lyft to Supplement or Replace a Trip on GoDurham

Figure 27 on the previous page indicated that 36% of GoDurham customers had used Uber or Lyft in the past thirty days. How have those trips interacted with GoDurham? Figure 28 provides basic answers.

Of the 36% of GoDurham customers who have used Uber or Lyft, 45% say they used ride-hailing for a trip they would usually have made on GoDurham. This is a substantial increase over the 31% replacing a GoDurham trip in the 2019 survey. This amounts to 16% of all GoDurham customers (i.e., 45% of 36% = 16%).

Of GoDurham customers who have used Uber or Lyft, almost one half (48%) say they combined a ride-hailing trip with a GoDurham trip. This amounts to 17% of the ridership (i.e., 48% of 36% = 17% of the ridership).

Age and the Use of Uber/Lyft

Riders younger than 35 are much more likely (50%) than older riders (26%) to have used Uber/Lyft in the past thirty days (Figure 29). They are also likely to use ride-hailing more often. Assuming that many of these younger riders continue to use GoDurham, the proportion of the ridership who use ride-hailing will tend to increase in coming years.

The primary reasons riders give for using ride-hailing services are shown in Figure 30. The predominant reason is to save time (30%). Needing to travel when GoDurham service is unavailable because of service hours or location (15%) is another reason. For these riders Uber/Lyft service is a useful supplement to GoDurham service. Getting to a location at a specific time (10%) is also important. And whether or not the claim is valid, some riders (16%) blame the buses for being “off-schedule” thus necessitating that they use Uber/Lyft instead.
Among GoDurham customers, the use of cell phones is very high, but not universal, with 94% of customers indicating they use a cell phone. Eighty-one percent (81%) of customers use a transit app on their phones. This is a significant increase from 56% in 2019.

Figure 32 demonstrates that the use of a transit app is related to age, trending down as age increases. In 2019 only 60% of the youngest riders and only 40% of those 65 or older used a smartphone transit app. The low level of use in general, and particularly among those over 45 implied that “...unless something occurs to change this relationship between age and the use of mobile technology for transit information, it will take at least several years for transit apps to become the primary source of information for a substantial majority of GoDurham customers.” Then the pandemic stuck and proved this conjecture wrong. It took only three years for the vast majority of GoDurham customers to begin using a transit app because GoDurham customers, like most people, people retreated online. The use of a transit app increased to over 90% through the age of 44, to 87% among 45 to 64 year old customers, and 69% even among those 65 or older.
Customers were asked to rate eighteen aspects of GoDurham service using a scale from 1 to 7 on which a score of 7 means “Excellent,” and 1 means “Very poor.” They were also asked to rate the service overall (See questionnaire, Appendix A). We begin this section of the report with the overall rating of service.

Overall System Rating Score

Twenty-three percent (23%) rate service overall as 7, or excellent. Another 15% score it 6, giving a total of 39% with very high satisfaction scores. While the 23% giving the top score of 7 (Excellent) in 2022 remained essentially unchanged from 24% in 2019, the scores of 6 (Very Good) declined from 22% to 16%. The percentage giving scores at the low end of the ratings (1 to 3) increased from 13% in 2019 to 25% in 2022.

Rating Scores: Scores of "Excellent" in 2022 on Individual Components of GoDurham Service

Figure 34 on the following page presents a first look at customer rating scores for individual elements of service. This chart includes only the top score of seven, or “Excellent,” on the seven-point scale.

Figure 34 is organized by the type of service being rated. At the top of the chart are six operational services fundamental to all customers. Of these six, three have 28% or 29% of the customers scoring the service as excellent. They are: Weekday service hours, Ease of transferring within the system, and Weekday service frequency. Having the ability to reach all desired destinations, on time performance and total time required for a trip are lower (24%, 22%, and 20%, respectively).

The second set of ratings in the chart presents five operational aspects of service that in general tend to be used by fewer customers than other operational services. All but one of these five services involve weekend service levels. The exception is transferring between systems (25% excellent). Saturday service hours also receive excellent ratings by 25% and Saturday service frequency falls just below that level at 24%. The two other service elements in this set both involve Sunday service, hours of service and frequency and both get scores of excellent by 20% of the customers.

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4 Note that the percentage is based on only those who were able to provide a rating, not the total sample so that the percent “excellent” is not falsely reduced by inclusion of those who answered “not applicable” in the denominator.
The third set of services involves what we call the Travel Environment or the context in which GoDurham customers travel. Of the seven services included in this set, two receive excellent scores from more than 25% of the respondents. They are bus operator courtesy and helpfulness (27%), and the quality of printed information (26%). It is typical for bus operators to have very good ratings. Occasional customer complaints notwithstanding, customers generally like the interaction with the transit personnel with whom they come in contact and give them high scores. In the same way, usefulness of the information provided by 485-RIDE telephone information personnel receives an excellent score from 23%. The quality of the WiFi, at 24% excellent, is another of these contextual elements to score excellent with more than 20% of the customers.

The other three Travel Environment elements are of concern. They tend to be mutually reinforcing, and they all fall below 20% in scores of Excellent:

- Change in the sense of safety from others on the buses -- now at 19% down from 26% in 2019 -- suggests that there is increased concern about personal security.
- The perceived lack of cleanliness of the buses (16%), and the Transit Center (17%) tends to reinforce the sense that no one is in charge and enforcing standards, thus exacerbating a sense of insecurity.
- Two elements involving cleanliness: bus shelters and the transit center (16%) and the interior of buses (17%). The degree of cleanliness implies a degree of order and official attentiveness which, although not directly related to safety, provides an image of either a disorganized system lacking in attention to customer needs system or, conversely, of a disciplined, well-ordered system that is attentive to customer needs.
Figure 35 Distribution of Grouped Service Rating Scores

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- Very poor to poor (1,2) - Middle (3,4,5) - Very good to excellent (6,7)

Service Rating Distributions

The previous chart, Figure 34, showed only the top percentages on the seven-point scale. However, so that we can see what the balance is between positive, middle, and negative ratings, it is important to also consider the distribution of scores within the full 1 – 7 range.

To simplify the chart in Figure 35, each of the 1-7 scores has been combined into three sets. The top two positive scores (6 and 7) are combined as are the bottom two scores (1 and 2). The combined middle scores of 3, 4, and 5 are neither extremely positive nor extremely negative. The scores of six or seven represent either excellent or nearly excellent scores.

The basic message of the chart in Figure 35 is that, as with most similar surveys for other transit systems, the ratings differ more in the degrees of positive ratings, than in stark differences between positive and negative. There have, however, been some significant increases in certain negative ratings. In terms of the travel environment, the cleanliness of bus interiors and transit centers the percentage giving negative ratings for each of those increased by 12 points from 14% to 26%. In fact, on the cleanliness issue, the positive and negative percentages are statistically equal. Sunday service hours also saw an increase in the negative from 10% TO 20%.

More important than the increase in negative ratings is that all but two aspects of the service saw decreases in the percentage offering positive ratings. Those two were on-time performance and coverage, both of which already had low positive ratings. If this survey is conducted again when some kind of new normal is reached in
terms of commuting, fare structure, and service levels, it will be important to see how these measurements change.

**Which Service Elements Would Move the Needle of the Overall GoDurham Service Rating if They Were to Be Improved?**

Using survey data to prioritize elements of service that customers feel need improvement is a challenge. Simply observing the ratings, as in Figure 34, is one way to do it. Figure 36 Illustrates a second way to accomplish it. This approach takes the pool of eighteen services and answers the following question:

> Which of these are more important and which are less important in determining the customers’ rating of GoDurham service overall?

This question is answered in a matrix. The matrix itself is less complex than it may seem, but it does require some explanation.

- The concept of the matrix in Figure 36 as follows: Respondents rated eighteen separate aspects of GoDurham service as shown in previous charts. They also rated “The quality of GoDurham services overall.” We can assume that customers’ ratings of the quality of “Services Overall” sum up their ratings of quality of the eighteen specific elements of service. Assuming this, we can answer the key question, which is, “Which aspects of GoDurham services would, if improved, move the needle of the rating of GoDurham service overall?”

- Two basic statistics are involved in this analysis, first the average or “mean” rating of service quality on the scale from 1 – 7, and second, a correlation statistic that measures the strength of the relationship (i.e., the correlation) between each element of service and the overall service rating for GoDurham. These statistics, when used together, answer two questions: How do customers rate each of the eighteen elements of service? And how important is it to the overall rating?

- To visually display the results of this kind of analysis means using a simple graph (as shown in Figure 36) with the 1-7 rating on one axis (the horizontal axis) and the correlation on the other (vertical) axis. Placing the scores in this matrix helps answer the question: What service improvements would help more to move the needle on the rating of GoDurham service overall?

In Figure 36, the higher the correlation between customers’ ratings of a specific aspect of service and overall service, the higher it will place on the vertical axis in the chart. I.e., the more important it is to the customers rating of overall service. Also the farther to the right it is, the better the customer’s current rating of that service is. Conversely, the lower in the vertical axis, the less important it is to the overall score, but also the farther to the left it falls, the lower the customers’ level of satisfaction is. In this way we can take into account the fact that a low-rated service may or may not be a very important determinant of overall rider ratings of service.

The matrix takes into account the fact that customers can be very satisfied or dissatisfied with an aspect of service, but that does not necessarily mean that they are satisfied or dissatisfied with service overall.
Figure 36 Relationship between Overall Performance Rating and Ratings of Individual Service Elements

Legend:
- Operating services used by almost all riders
- Operating services used by fewer than 95% of riders
- Travel Environment

High importance, Below Average Satisfaction

High importance, Above average Satisfaction

Less Importance to Overall Satisfaction

More Importance to Overall Satisfaction

Low Importance, Below Average Satisfaction

Low importance, Above Average Satisfaction

Upper Satisfaction

Lower Satisfaction

Axis lines cross at the average score on each dimension
Understanding the Matrix

Figure 36 displays customer perceptions on two axes. On the X axis (horizontal) is the rating of services and on the Y axis (vertical) is a measure of how important the ratings are to the overall rating of GoDurham service in the sense that the correlation coefficient is higher. Service components above the horizontal line are of above average importance and those below are of lower than average importance. Service components to the left of the vertical axis are perceived by respondents to be of less than average quality and those to the right, above average quality.

The GoDurham matrix is unique in that the service elements in it are all aspects of the rider environment. Usually this quadrant contains the operational elements most difficult to improve, including on-time performance, service frequency, hours, and coverage. In this case, on-time performance and coverage (service to all destinations you want to get to) are both in an area near the average in both importance and quality. Trip duration (Total time to make the usual trip) is below average in both quality rating and importance. We can interpret this to mean that the ridership as a whole is somewhat ambivalent about this package of system performance. None stand out as especially problematic nor of especially high quality to this early post-pandemic ridership. If the survey is conducted again, and free fares are discontinued, it will be interesting to see how these relationships change.

The other low-rated items with high importance in the upper left quadrant involve the Transit Environment of using GoDurham, specifically personal safety, telephone information service, and quality of WIFI. Apparently, to those who continue to use public transportation in Durham after a long period of reduced service the environment in which they travel seems to be the more important element.

Given the negative views of cleanliness, it is somewhat surprising that cleanliness of bus interiors, shelters, and the transit center are not higher on the importance scale. They are certainly the lowest scoring of all the service components and have some of the highest negative scores (26%) that we have seen. However, they do not move the statistical needle substantially in terms of overall satisfaction.

Sunday services are also low scoring in terms of both quality and importance. But that is understandable because many riders do not use the buses on Sunday. Thus, while they may have a dim view of service levels, that does not strongly affect their overall rating of GoDurham.
Appendix A: Questionnaire
Please tell us about how you use GoDurham

1. Before the pandemic which began in March 2020, on how many days a week did you typically use GoDurham?
   1. Not at all
   2. Less than once a week
   3. One to three
   4. Four or five
   5. Six or seven

2. During the pandemic in 2020 and 2021, on how many days a week did you typically use GoDurham?
   1. Not at all
   2. Less than once a week
   3. One to three
   4. Four or five
   5. Six or seven

3. What is the ONE main purpose for which you most often use the GoDurham bus? Is it to go to or from... (Check only one)
   1. Work
   2. School/College
   3. Shopping
   4. Medical/Vet
   5. Recreation/Event
   6. Other

4. How long have you been riding GoDurham?
   1. Less than six months
   2. Less than one year
   3. 1-2 years
   4. 3-4 years
   5. 5 or more years

5. Please check all Triangle Region bus systems you use in a typical week.
   1. GoRaleigh
   2. GoTriangle
   3. GoDurham
   4. GoCary
   5. Chapel Hill Transit
   6. Duke Transit
   7. Wufline

6. Please mark all of the following that apply to you. Are you...
   1. Employed full time
   2. Employed part time
   3. Unemployed
   4. Homemaker
   5. Student
   6. Retired
   7. Volunteer position

7. If you are employed, are you currently working remotely or does your work require you to be on site?
   1. Remote only
   2. Remote some days a week and on-site the other days
   3. On-site all working days

8. (If employed) If your employer allowed it, could the type of work you do be done remotely or do you have to be on-site at your workplace to do it?
   1. Can be done remotely
   2. Cannot be done remotely

9. How old are you? _______ Years old

10. Do you identify as... 1. Male  2. Female  3. Non-binary  4. Prefer not to answer

11. Do you consider yourself to be... (Please check all that apply to you)
    1. African American/Black
    2. Asian
    3. Caucasian/White
    4. Hispanic
    5. Native American Indian
    6. Other

12. How comfortable are you speaking English? (Check only one)
    1. Very comfortable
    2. Mostly comfortable
    3. Slightly comfortable
    4. Not comfortable

13. What language do you most often speak at home? (Check only one)
    1. English
    2. Spanish
    3. Other

14. What is your total annual household income? (Check only one)
    1. Less than $10,000
    2. $10,000 to $14,999
    3. $15,000 to $19,999
    4. $20,000 to $24,999
    5. $25,000 to $34,999
    6. $35,000 to $49,999
    7. $50,000 to $74,999
    8. $75,000 to $100,000
    9. More than $100,000

15. In making this trip to where you are going right now, do you have to change to another bus at any point to complete the trip, whether it is a GoDurham bus or a bus from another system? 1. Yes 2. No

16. How did you get to the stop where you got on the first GoDurham bus you boarded during this trip? (Check only one)
    1. Walked
    2. Took UBER or Lyft
    3. Bus other than GoDurham
    8. Other

17. Do you use a cell phone? 1. Yes 2. No
   Do you use your cell phone...
   a. ...to send and receive text messages? 1. Yes 2. No
   b. ...to access internet sites? 1. Yes 2. No
   c. ...to check on public transit service? 1. Yes 2. No

18. How many cars or other vehicles are usually available for your use?
   0 None
   1 One
   2 Two
   3 Three or more

19. In the past 30 days, how often have you used Uber or Lyft in the Triangle region?
   0 Not at all
   1 1 time
   2 2 times
   3 3 times
   4 4 or more times

20. If you used Uber or Lyft in the past 30 days...
    a. Did you use both GoDurham and Uber/Lyft as parts of the same trip? 1. Yes 2. No
    b. Did you use Uber/Lyft instead of GoDurham for a trip you otherwise would have made on GoDurham? 1. Yes 2. No

In the past 30 days, how would you rate GoDurham on the following services? (Circle a rating for each question or check the circle indicating that it does not apply to you)

21. Buses running on time
22. Frequency of service on weekdays (Mon-Fri)
23. Frequency of service on Saturday
24. Frequency of service on Sunday
25. Hours the buses operate weekdays (Mon-Fri)
26. Hours the buses operate Saturday
27. Hours the buses operate Sunday
28. Total time required to make your usual trip
29. Availability of service to all destinations you want to get to
30. Ease of transferring within GoDurham system
31. Ease of transferring between GoDurham and other area bus transit systems
32. Cleanliness of the bus interiors
33. Cleanliness of the bus shelters and transit center
34. Your sense of personal safety from other passengers on the buses
35. Courtesy and helpfulness of bus operators
36. Usefulness of information from 485 RIDE telephone operators
37. Usefulness of printed information such as schedules or brochures
38. Quality of wireless Internet (WiFi) service
39. The quality of GoDurham services overall

Comments: ____________________________________________
Appendix A: Questionnaire

1. Antes de la pandemia que comenzó en marzo de 2020, ¿Cuántos días a la semana solía usar GoDurham típicamente?

2. Durante el periodo de la pandemia de 2020 y 2021, ¿Cuántos días a la semana solía usar GoDurham típicamente?

3. ¿Cuál es el medio de transporte principal para el que usa con mayor frecuencia el autobús GoDurham? Es para ir o venir de... (Marque solo uno)

4. ¿Cuánto tiempo lleva viajando en GoDurham?

5. ¿En una semana típica, cuáles sistemas transitados locales usa?

6. Por favor, marque todos los siguientes que se aplican a usted:

7. ¿Si está empleado, ¿Está trabajando actualmente de forma remota o su trabajo requiere que esté en el sitio?
   1] Solo forma remota 2] En algunos días trabajo remoto y otras en sitio 3] Solo en el sitio todos los días habil

8. Si está empleado y su empleador lo permitió, ¿Podría el tipo de trabajo que realiza hacerse de forma remota o tiene que estar en el lugar de trabajo para hacerlo?
   1] Se puede hacer de forma remota 2] No se puede hacer de forma remota

9. ¿Cuántos años tienes? _____ Años


11. ¿Cómo te identificas? (Marque todo lo que corresponda)

12. ¿Qué tan común están hablando inglés? (Marque solo uno)

13. ¿Qué idioma habla con más frecuencia en casa? (Marque solo uno)
   1] Inglés 2] Español 3] Otra:

14. ¿Cuál es su ingreso familiar total anual? (Marque solo uno)
   1] Menos de $10,000 2] $10,000 a $14,999 3] $15,000 a $19,999 4] $20,000 a $24,999 5] $25,000 a $34,999 6] $35,000 a $49,999 7] $50,000 a $74,999 8] $75,000 a $100,000 9] Más de $100,000

15. ¿Cuánto tiempo lleva viajando en GoDurham?

16. ¿En una semana típica, cuáles sistemas transitados locales usa?

17. ¿Usa un teléfono celular?
   1] Sí 2] No

18. ¿Usa su teléfono celular para...
   a. Enviar y recibir mensajes de texto? 1] Sí 2] No
   b. Acceder a sitios web? 1] Sí 2] No
   c. El servicio de transporte público local? 1] Sí 2] No

19. ¿Cuántos viajes de automóviles o otro vehículo de motor están disponibles para su uso?

20. En los últimos 30 días ¿Con qué frecuencia ha utilizado Uber o Lyft en la región Triangle?

21. ¿Usa Uber o Lyft en los últimos 30 días...
   a. Usaste Uber/Lyft y GoDurham para viajar a la misma vez?
      1] Sí 2] No
   b. Usaste Uber/Lyft en lugar del GoDurham para un viaje que normalmente harías hecho sin GoDurham?
      1] Sí 2] No

22. ¿Ha realizado una calificación GoDurham en los siguientes servicios? (Circule una calificación para cada pregunta o marque la escala que indica que el servicio no se aplica a usted.)

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3  COULD USE SEATS AT STOPS ON RT 3
3  DOES NOT FEEL SAFE
3  GODURHAM BUSES HAVE BEEN GOOD TO ME, AND ALSO YOUR DRIVERS I BEEN IN DURHAM FOR 17 YRS. THANK YOU.
3  GOOD JOB
3  I REALLY APPRECIATE THE BUS BING FREE DURING THIS PANDEMIC HELP SAVE A LOT OF MONE IM SURE OTHERS DO BUT TO UNGRATEFUL TO ADMIT!!!
3  MORE SEATS AT STOPS
3  MY BUS HAS A DITCH AS SOON AS YOU GET OFF NOT SAFE FOR AS STROLLER OR DISABLED PERSONS
3  SEATS THAT ARE STRICTLY FOR THE -UR-
3  SOME OF THE DRIVERS CAN'T DRIVE
3  THANK GODURHAM FOR BEING ABLE
3  THANK YOU FOR THIS SERVICE
3  THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE
3  THE NUMBER 4 CONSTANTLY SKIPS THE BUS STOP WHEN I GET ON THE 10:45 PM BUS STAFF ON THE 485-RIDE ARE RUDE
4  I (JONATHAN) HAVE BEEN RIDING THE BUS FOR OVER 16 YEARS SINCE 2006
4  I AM GLAD THE NUMBER 12 STARTED RUNNING EVERY 30 MINUTES
4  I CATCH BUS 3B TO CLOSE TO HWY 98 IT DOES NOT GET ALL THE WAY TO 98
4  KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK
4  STEP YO GAME UP
4  THAT WILL DO IT
5  APP NEEDED FOR ANDROID PHONE
5  I DON'T LIKE WHEN A BUS COMES IN WHILE TRANSFER IS THERE BUT IT PULLS OFF BEFORE YOU CAN TRANSFER
5  PLEASE FIX THE WIFI
5  WOULD HELP IF BUSES CAN MORE FREQUENTLY
5  DESIRE MORE 6 FREQUENCY TO HALF-HOUR
5  EXCELLENT SERVICE
6  I APPRECIATE THE SERVICES
6  IF THE BUS WOULD BE ONTIME MORE IT WOULD HELP
6  IT WOULD BE BETTER TO SETTLE OR STOP 400/405 FOR WALMART
6  PLEASE MAKE LINE 6 TO WORK ON SUNDAY THROUGH HILANDALE ROAD
6  PLEASE RESTORE HALF-HOUR SERVICE ON THE #6
6  PRETTY SATISFIED
6  WHO TAUGHT THESE DRIVERS? THIS WOMAN PUNCHES THE GAS THEN SLAMS ON THE BRAKES
7  ALL NATURAL
7  BE NICE IF THEY WERE AVAILABLE ON BUSES
7  BRING BACK 3C ROUTE AT LYNN ROAD. I HAVE TO CROSS THE HIGHWAY FOR NEAREST BUS STOP
7  EXEMPT BUSES FROM PARADE TOOK 3 HOURS TO DETOUR SCHEDULE
7  I THINK THE BUSES ARE A GOOD IMPORTANT WAY TO GET AROUND WE NEED THEM
NEED MORE SURVEYS
PLEASE FIX STOP NEAR JJ HENDESON BLG
THE BUS NEEDS TO COME AT THE RIGHT TIME AND NEEDS TO START WAITING FOR PEOPLE RUNNING TO THE BUS
THE WOMEN VERY MEAN AT TIME THEY HAVE ATTITUDE
THEY NEED SHELTERS AND SEATS AT ALL STOPS AND NOT SAFE
THREAT OF IDENTITY THEFT ALWAYS PRESENT PASSENGERS SO CLOSELY PACKED ON SOME BUSES RIDERS SHOULD ALWAYS BE ON GUARD I GOT ROBBED OF FOR $600 IN JAN
GO BUS IS A VERY CONVENIENT WHEN YOU DON'T HAVE A TRANSPORTATION
GOOD JOB KEEP IT UP
I DON'T KNOW 27, 28, 36 OR 37
I WISH THE #12 RAN MORE FREQUENTLY
I WOULD LOVE 1/2 HOURLY SERVICE M-F ON BUS #8. IT WOULD SAVE SEVERAL HOURS OF DOWNTIME EACH WEEK
JUST WISH THAT SOME BUSES EXTEND OUT TO DURHAM COUNTY
KEEP THE BUS FREE!!!
LET THE BUS FARE BE FREE START BUS 8 TO RUN EVERY 30 MIN NOT EVERY HOUR
NEED INCREASED SERVICE FOR ROUTE 8
NEED TO START SERVICE EARLIER
NUMBER 8 BUS SHOULD RUN EVERY 30 MIN LIKE ALL OTHER BUSES
PUT A BUS STOP IN THE 4500 BLOCK OF NEWBY DRIVE AT PATRIOT CIRCLE
SAFETY IS A HUGE ISSUE. TO MANY FIGHTS & ARGUMENTS ON BUSES
THANK YOU, COULD BE BETTER, TO MUCH $$ I PAY TAXES
THE BUSES CHANGE WHEN THEY WANT & LEAVE ME STRANDED AT CONNECTION STOPS
THE 8 BUS NEEDS TO BE EVERY 30 MIN
THERE NEED TO BE BUS STATIONS CLOSER TO NEIGHBORHOOD IN THE NORTH, ESPECIALLY 27704/03 ZIP CODES PEOPLE HAVE TO WALK MILES TO CATCH BUS
WE NEED BETTER WAYS TO ENSURE SAFETY OF ALL PARTIES THE POLICE JUST MAKIE THINGS HOSTILE
WHEN PEOPLE GET ON THE BUS SMELLING LIKE WEED AND STUFF AND THAT IS NOT RIGHT FOR OTHER PEOPLE
WISH BUSES COME MORE OFTEN AND THEN WERE MORE DESTINATION ROUTES
WISH THERE WAS A BUS STOP WITHIN 5 WALKING MINUTES CARY WOOD DRIVE & ELLIS IN DURHAM
#8 BUS EVERY 1/2 HR PLS
BUS DRIVERS MADE ME GET OFF BUS BECAUSE I HAD A BABY & STROLLER
FILLED OUT SURVEY IN PAST AND IT DID NOT IMPROVE THINGS PROBLEM DRIVER IS GONE
GOOD BUT NEEDS SOME IMPROVEMENT CAREFUL SPEED RANGE CAN BE CONSIDERED A CAUSE BOARD
GOOD WONDERFUL ITS TRUE
I ONLY RIDE EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE
I USE TALI IN CH AND BEST BAB IN DURHAM UBER AND LYFT COST TOO MUCH WITH POOR AVAILABILITY
KINDLY HAVE 11B CIRCLE MORAIN RD APTS AS ROUTE 6 DID BEFORE
NEED BOXES STRAYED FOR COVID, NEEDS -UR-
OVERALL GOOD WORKERS

PLEASE DON'T LATE PEOPLE WHO DO TRANSFER SUFFER SO MUCH IF LATE TO THE STATION
SEATS NEED TO BE CLEANED AND SPRAY
SOME DRIVERS -UR- WHEN WE ARE -UR-
SOME OF THE PASSENGERS ARE QUESTIONABLE A FEW CAN BE UNEXPECTED BEHAVIOR
BUT I HAD NO ENCOUNTERS
SOMETIMES REALLY DIRTY AND PEOPLE FALL SLEEP ON THE BUS
THANK YOU FOR THE SERVICE PEOPLE!
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERV WE NEED THIS IF YOU DON'T DRIVE
THE DRIVERS CAN ENFORCE THE RULES ABOUT BAD LANGUAGE AND LETTING -UR-
THE GETTING MORE BUSES FOR ROUTES MORE STRICT ABOUT WHAT SHOULD BE BROUGHT ON THE BUS.
THEY NEED SHELTERS AND SEATS AT ALL BUS STOPS
THEY NEED TO HAVE MORE BUS ROUTES EXP TO FAR OUT PLACES LIKE LITTLE RIVER ETC...
VERY GOOD. I WISH TO CONTINUE
YALL NEED LIGHT RAIL SYSTEM AND MORE BUSES
YOUR DRIVERS PUT UP WITH A LOT PASSENGERS PEED ON A SEAT TRACH EVERYWHERE
ONE HAD A CRACK PIPE AND CLEARLY MENTALLY ILL
EXCELLENT SERVICE
GOOD
GREAT DURING THE COVID-19 WITH HELP PASSENGER
GREAT SERVICE
I BELIEVE THE BUS NEED TO WAIT TILL ALL THE GET TO STATION THEN LEAVE BECAUSE IT NOT FAIR BUS BE GONE AND WE HAVE TO WAIT FOR NEXT BUS
I WOULD GREATLY DESIRE MORE FREQUENT BUSES AND MORE AREAS TO TRAVEL TO
INCREASE SUNDAY SERVICE JUST AS WEEKDAY
NEED MORE BUSES
NOT THIS SPECIFIC RIDE OBVIOUSLY
POOR SERVICE SORRY DRIVERS
SOME DRIVERS ARE FRIENDLY
THANKS PLEASE KEEP BUSES FREE WE NEED THEM
THE SYSTEM NEEDS TO DO BETTER WITH TRANSFERS BETWEEN BUS ROUTES WE SHOULDN'T HAVE TO GO TO STATION FOR EVERY TRANSFER
THEY COULD USE MORE SHELTERS FOR PEOPLE TO SIT AND ITS RAINING BUS LATE IN THE AFTERNOON ALWAYS LATE
THEY THREW ME ON THE FLOOR CLOSED THE DOOR ON MY ARM
BATHROOMS IN TERMINAL NASTY
BUS NEED TO BE CLEAN MORE OFTEN
FREE RIDE IS GOOD
IM THANKFUL FOR GODURHAM SAFETY AND UNDERSTANDING IS IMPORTANT TO ME
IT SHOULD BE SURVEYS DONE ON THE PERFORMANCE OF BUS DRIVERS. 1 MONTH
NEED MORE SEATS AT BUS STOPS
THE ONLY THING GREAT IS THAT THE RIDE IS FREE!

SOME DRIVERS ARE RUDE
10B  THANK YOU
10B  THANKS FOR HAVING TRANSPO IN THE CITY
11B  11B SHOULD OPERATE MORE FREQUENTLY (EVERY 30 MIN)
11B  BUS STOP COULD BE BETTER  COVER OR SOMEWHERE TO STAND PARTICULARLY DURING
     RAINY SEASON
11B  DON’T GET ANSWERS BACK FROM COMPLAINTS VIA EMAIL ABOUT GOTRIANGLE
11B  FILthy RESTROOM UNFRIENDLY DRivers LATE Buses PLEASE BE CONSIDERATE OF RIDERS
11B  FREE BUS SERVICE HAS BEEN A MEANINGFUL HELP THANK YOU
11B  HAPPY THEY CHANGED THE OUT OF SERVICE TIME ON 11B AT 5 PM SO IT -UR- TO GO BACK
     DOWNtown
11B  I LOVE THAT ITS FREE BUT THE LINE I TAKE MOST ONLY RUNS ONCE PER HOUR
11B  I ONLY USE GODURHAM SO MANY DOES NOT APPLY TO ME
11B  I WISH THE 11B WOULD GO BACK TO EVERY 30 MIN ALSO THE BUS FREQUENTLY IS NOT ON
     THE APP WHICH MAKES IT HARDER TO PLAN TRIPS
11B  ITS ACTUALLY GO-TRIANGLE I WISH RAN WITH MORE FREQUENCY AND ON SATURDAYS THE
     805 THANK YOU
11B  MARK WAS INTENSELY ALERT AND INFORMATIVE
11B  MORE FREQUENT BUSES WOULD BE GREAT
11B  NUMBER 6 GODURHAM BUS ALWAYS LEAVES HOSPITAL STOP EARLY
11B  ON SUNDAY 7:00 AM THE BUS DOESN’T PICK UP CONSTITUTION DRIVE HAVE TO WALK TO
     MOVNENE
11B  ONLY ONE BUS STOP ON SOUTH MIAMI AT EXTENDED STAY NEED STOP ACROSS STREET I
     HAVE TO GO TO TRANSIT CTR AND COME BACK FOR STOP
11B  PLEASE HAVE BUSES EVERY 30 MIN FOR THOSE THAT RUN HOURLY
11B  SOMETIMES APP IS NOT WORKING, CAN’T SEE WHERE THE BUS IS
11B  THANK YOU
11B  THE FREE BUSES HAVE BEEN LIFE CHANGING PLEASE CONTINUE!!!
11B  THE INFORMATION ON BUS LOCATION ON EACH ROUTE NEEDS TO BE IMPROVED MORE
11B  BUS TRIPS PER DAY BE MORE RELIABLE
11B  THE MEN AND WOMEN BUS DRIVERS ARE MEAN
11B  THERE SHOULD BE MORE SAFETY MEASURES FOR ELDERLY AND WOMEN AND ME WITH A
     CHILD IN A STROLLER SAFETY IS IMPORTANT
12B  BUS IS CLEAN ALWAYS I LIKE IT KEEP IT UP AND CONTINUE IT
12B  GODURHAM HAS IMPROVED IN THE PAST YEAR YET SOME DRIVERS ARE NOT AS ATTENTIVE
     TO THE -UR- AS THESE COULD BE
12B  GOOD JOB
12B  THE DRIVER WILL SEE YOU TRY TO CHACH BUT HE KEEP-UR-
12B  THE OWN WAY I GET AROUND WITH MY KIDS IS THE BUS TO TAKE THEM PLACES
12B  THIS HAS BEEN A GREAT HELP SINCE I LOST MY CAR
3B  BUS COLD ALL THE TIME
3B  BUS SHOULD BE ON TIME
3B  NEED A BUS STOP CLOSER TO SUPERVISOR LADY NASTY PENDLETON TOWN HOMES I HAVE
     4 KIDS WALKING 12 MINUTES 2 BUS STOP FROM PENDLETON
3B  THE BUS DRIVERS HIT THE BREAKS/GAS WAY TO HARD, WHERE IT JERKS YOU AROUND THEY
     NEED TO LEARN HOW TO BE EASY!!!
9A  7 AND 8 NEED TO GET BACK TO THE OLD SCHEDULE
9A  BUS 9A IS ALWAYS LATE LEAVING THE TERMINAL AND #1 BUS
9A  I HAVE FELL ON A BUS IT WAS -UR- THE BUS DRIVER SHOULD WAITE TILL WE ARE SEATED
9A  I HAVE NEVER HAD ANY REAL ISSUES WITH THIS SERVICE
9A  I WOULD LOVE IT IF THE 9 AND 9A BUS CAN DRIVE UP TO HORTAN ROAD AFTER 6 PM
9A  BECAUSE I AM TRYING TO GET A JOB UP THERE
9A  MASK DISPENSER INSTEAD OF BOX
9A  NEED NEW EATS THEY HURT MY ASS
9A  PLEASE DO NOT BOTHER THE DRIVERS WITH LONG CONVERSATIONS OR ARGUE WITH THE DRIVER
9A  SOME OF THESE DRIVERS ARE AWFUL
9A  THANK YOU GODURHAM
9A  VERY GOOD SERVICE
9A  WISH THEY WILL DO SOMETHING TO BUS 3 STOP TRASH PEOPLE
9A  YALL ASK TOO MANY QUESTIONS ON THE SURVEY
9B  9B SHOULD RUN ON SUNDAYS
9B  BUS SCHEDULE SHOULD BE AT EACH STOP
9B  I APPRECIATE SERVICE THANK YOU
9B  I LIKE RIDING GODURHAM BUSES
9B  KEEP THE BUSES FREE PEOPLE ARE STRUGGLING IT'S A PANDEMIC LIVE BY THIS
9B  SOME DRIVERS ARE NOT POLITE AND SOME BUSES ARE VERY DIRTY AND SMELLY
9B  TIGHTEN UP ON TRANSIT TIME FRAME