



Why is Public Transportation important to you?
LiveWell Springfield/Age Friendly City Project Survey Results
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The Live Well Springfield Coalition and the Age Friendly City Project, both initiatives of the Public Health Institute of Western Massachusetts, have made public transportation a policy priority. Along with Resident Advisors, we have created a survey and collected Springfield resident voices that express the need for public transportation as a necessary service. The survey is being used as an advocacy tool to make sure that more of the voices of Springfield are heard as decisions about public transportation are being made on a local and state level. Here is some of the raw data about what people are saying and a snapshot of the answers to the question, “Why Public Transportation is important to me”.

- Cause it is what I use to get to a lot of places I need to go.
- Equal opportunity service and convenience
- I need it to get to my appointments and when I get a job, I will need it to get to work until I get a vehicle
- It is the only way I can afford to get around
- Gets me to and from work
- Cause I don't drive and I got to a lot of appointments and everywhere else I need to go.
- Main form of transportation
- It is my life line to work
- Life line to work and doctor's offices
- It is not only important to me, but to others so we can travel to different locations we need to go.
- Because that is the only way I travel. The buses takes us to where we want to go
- It is all I have.
- It is very important to me because it provides me transportation to school, work, and appointments. It also provides transportation for my family.
- It is the only transportation I have. I'd be walking miles without it – to get to buy food (grocery store), appointments (doctor, therapy, etc.), and to see friends – everything. My 82 year old father depends on it for the same reason.
- Essential through difficult times! I use it to get to work, shop, and general life
- Because it takes me to work and home
- It helps me get to where I have to go
- It helps me to get to appointments, work, school, etc.

- Allows for independence and it is important because there are already too many cars.
- Gets me to places, especially doctor's appointments, school, and retail stores
- It is important for appointments, health, to see my family, to get food, and for my own good – if you stay stuck in your house you go crazy
- I take my kids to see their father in jail. If it wasn't for the bus, he wouldn't be able to see them.
- I am dependent on it. That's how I currently get to everything
- I don't drive, so if my daughter is at work, it is the only way for me to get around, including to pick up my granddaughter from school
- It is the only way I have to get around. I have been using it since I was in my teens to get to school.
- It helps to get me where I need to go. I do not drive.
- It is a very important system for me to get around
- It is the only way to get to where I need to go
- I need to get places to take care of my business
- Very, very important
- Because I don't have a car
- I get to my appointments and other things.
- I need it to live
- Because public transportation gets me back and forth to where I need to be
- Because it is the only way to get around to work. It is my way of life.
- It allows me to "have a life".
- Gets me to places that I want to be
- Because I can't go nowhere, so please keep the service! It is hard already to get around, so listen to the people dependent on the service. Thank you so much.
- Because I got to work, get to school, and appointments, and groceries
- Because it provides a service and transportation that I NEED.
- To get to my places
- Convenience and necessity
- Cuz it is damn it
- Because it essential to get to work for those who do not have a car, especially the underemployed and elderly.
- It reduces carbon footprint and allows me to travel around the Pioneer Valley
- If you have no car, it will take or get you there
- It is a necessity for anyone who works and needs to get around.
- I use it all the time
- Without it I would be stuck at home