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From: Franny Osman
Sent: Friday, October 19, 2007 10:34 AM
To: Manager Department
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Subject: Oct. 22 Meeting Requests from TAC

Dear John,

As we talked about, here are two requests for the Board of Selectmen at the meeting on Monday, October 22. I hope these are minor enough to be able to pass without discussion. FYI, I will be out of town on Monday night. We are anxious to go ahead with these two efforts because the Suburban Mobility Grant application is due in early 2008 and requires a lot of work on our part right away. I would not want to have to wait another month to begin chatting with other towns or surveying Acton residents about their travel habits.

1) TAC would like to post a transportation needs survey on the TAC website. In order to reach people who don't use online surveys, we would also want to make copies of the survey, some in translation to other languages, to distribute at appropriate venues in town. Copying would be approximately \$100. For analysis of the informal survey, TAC would rely on volunteers as well as offered assistance from the planners at the Boston Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). We have designed the survey based on input from the MPO and from resident David Sharfarz, our LRTA representative from Acton who happens to be an expert in flexible transit development. The survey collects information about people's travel around town, including where they travel from and to, and how often, as well as their opinions about a shuttle bus. The MPO suggested focusing our survey on present travel habits rather than on potential use of public transit.

2) David Sharfarz and Barbara Lucas, the planner at Metropolitan Area Planning Council (leading the Suburban Mobility program), have suggested that we consider working together with other towns to apply for a Suburban Mobility Grant. The grant, which Acton has been considering applying for, is a CMAQ grant (Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality). As Chair of TAC, I would like to ask the BOS to sanction an effort by TAC to have conversations with nearby towns to gauge the level of interest in joining Acton in a collective application.

Thanks so much.

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WHERE DO YOU GO?

No. of people	Ages	Start Location	End Location	Date and Time	Mode of Transport.	No. of times per week you do this trip	Comments/ Clarifications

[MAP OF ZONES including train station, other towns, Cambridge, Boston, Lowell...]

PUBLIC TRANSIT

CARS

How many people are in your household?

How many cars do you have?

Do you have access to a private vehicle that is not yours?

PUBLIC TRANSIT

How many people in your household use public transportation? What type, and how often?

If there were a public shuttle bus in Acton...

What would you want in a shuttle?

What areas should a shuttle serve?

Please rate the factors of transit service that would affect your decision whether to use it?

How important

Details
[eg need weekends to get to work]

- Headway (frequency)
- Fare
- Hours of Operation
- Service Area
- Level of Door-to-door service
- Reservation Policy
- Other

Any other comments?

Optional: Name or identifying number [so you can return to this same survey later.]

TOWN OF ACTON SOUTH ACTON RAIL STATION ACCESS SURVEY APRIL 2007



South Acton Commuter Lot

Please take a few moments to complete the following questionnaire for a study being conducted by the Town of Acton Transportation Committee concerning commuter access to the rail station in South Acton. **Only fill this out if you use the train or would like to use the train.**

1. Where do you live?

<input type="checkbox"/> Central Acton	<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Boxborough
<input type="checkbox"/> East Acton	<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Concord
<input type="checkbox"/> Kelly's Corner	<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Littleton
<input type="checkbox"/> North Acton	<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Maynard
<input type="checkbox"/> South Acton	<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Stow
<input type="checkbox"/> West Acton	<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Westford
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____

2. In a typical five-day work week, how many days are you likely to use any of the following methods to get to South Acton Station?
 (Enter "0" to "5" days for each method used as applicable)
 - Drive and park in resident permit spot
 - Drive and park at metered spot
 - Drive and park within walking distance to the rail station
 - Ride with family member, friend or co-worker
 - Ride a motorcycle or moped
 - Ride a bicycle
 - Walk
 - Don't take the train (Stay at home / use another mode, etc.)

3. In a typical five-day work week, how many days are you likely to catch any of the following trains departing South Acton Station?
 (Enter "0" to "5" days for each train taken as applicable)

<input type="checkbox"/> 6:21 am to Boston	<input type="checkbox"/> 9:34 am to Fitchburg
<input type="checkbox"/> 6:48 am to Boston	<input type="checkbox"/> 10:32 am to Fitchburg
<input type="checkbox"/> 7:18 am express to Boston	<input type="checkbox"/> 11:02 am to Boston
<input type="checkbox"/> 7:37 am to Boston	<input type="checkbox"/> 11:59 am to Boston
<input type="checkbox"/> 7:58 am to Boston	<input type="checkbox"/> Noon to 5:30 pm train in either direction
<input type="checkbox"/> 8:41 am to Boston	<input type="checkbox"/> After 5:30 pm train in either direction
<input type="checkbox"/> 9:25 am to Boston	

4. How frequently do you have difficulty finding a parking space at South Acton Station?

<input type="checkbox"/> 3 or more times per week	<input type="checkbox"/> Rarely
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 or 2 times per week	<input type="checkbox"/> Never
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 to 3 times per month	<input type="checkbox"/> Generally don't drive to the Station

Please turn over to complete the survey

5. If any of the following forms of shuttle bus service existed, how likely would you be to use it for access to South Acton Station?

Probably would use	Would consider using	Probably would not use	Type of Service
			Less than 5 minute ride non-stop from a remote parking lot to South Acton Station
			Local fixed route bus with posted stops within walking distance from home
			Curbside pickup by advance reservation or subscription
			Other form of bus service <i>please specify:</i>

6. Is there anything else that the Town Board of Selectmen should know about your perceptions of the need for public transportation service in Acton?

Thank you for your assistance!

If you have questions about this survey, please contact the Town Transportation Committee at tac@acton-ma.gov

Optional:

Name _____

Address _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____