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## Survey Monkey Questions for Votran Transit Design Guidelines

Purpose of the survey: Votran published the Transit Development Design Guidelines in 2008 to assist those in the planning, design, review and approval of land development projects. Votran will update this document to be relevant to the planning community needs in Volusia County. The Florida Department of Transportation updated their own document entitled Accessing Transit in 2013.

This questionnaire is seeking opinions from all members of city and county government, including their representatives, about the effectiveness of planning for transit service and accessibility. You may direct any questions or additional comments to:

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Your responses are important to the success of this project and will be kept in complete confidence. Please provide us with basic information that will help us analyze the results of this survey:

Your Jurisdiction: \_\_\_\_\_

Respondent type:

- Elected official
- Departmental manager
- Employee of the jurisdiction
- Other representative of the jurisdiction \_\_\_\_\_

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1. How important is transit for residents, tourists and employees to get around your jurisdiction?
    - On a scale of 1 to 5 with 5 being very important and 1 being not important: \_\_\_\_
  2. How important is transit for developers making investments in your jurisdiction?
    - On a scale of 1 to 5 with 5 being very important and 1 being not important:
  3. Are you aware of the bus stops or bus routes adjacent or near the land development projects in your jurisdiction?
    - Yes/No \_\_\_\_\_
  4. Do you feel that the land development projects make adequate accommodations for accessing transit, to include Americans with Disabilities Act accessibility?
    - Yes/No \_\_\_\_\_
    - If yes, what aspect? \_\_\_\_\_
    - If no, what aspect? \_\_\_\_\_
  5. Can you think of any land development project in your jurisdiction that was developed because it was planned in conjunction with the bus stops/bus routes or commuter rail? Please identify the type of development (e.g., residential, commercial, retail);
    - Not applicable \_\_\_\_\_
    - If yes, please describe \_\_\_\_\_

6. At what level is transit considered in the development process?
  - Transit is a priority from the onset of the process (planning)
  - At the end, near (PD&E, construction)
  - Only when specifically asked about
  - Not much of a consideration
  - Not at all
  
7. Does the development review process make use of the Transit Development Design Guidelines or a transit design review process? In what way?
  - Yes/No
  - If not, why not \_\_\_\_\_
  - If yes, when and in what capacity \_\_\_\_\_
  
8. Have you used the Transit Development Design Guidelines?
  - Yes/No \_\_\_\_
  - If not, why not \_\_\_\_\_
  - If yes, when and in what capacity \_\_\_\_\_
  
9. Do the different departments that deal with permit standards (land use, buildings, fire, environmental, transportation) cooperate to improve transportation accessibility and efficiency for all types of transportation like roads, transit, sidewalks, bike paths?
  - Yes/No \_\_\_\_
  - If yes, please provide examples. \_\_\_\_\_
  
10. Are there any incentives available to developers in exchange for the provisions of public transportation:
  - What incentives are given? \_\_\_\_\_
  
11. Has your local government considered a penalty for any development that does not want to incorporate public transit into its design or has design plans that would restrict public transit access (cul-de-sacs, gated communities)?
  - Yes/No \_\_\_\_
  - If yes, please provide examples. \_\_\_\_\_
  
12. Are land use changes and rezoning applications provided to Votran staff for review and comment prior to approval?
  - Yes/No \_\_\_\_
  
13. Please indicate the level of interest shown by new investors in development near bus route/bus stops.
  - On a scale of 1 to 5 with 5 being very important and 1 being not important: \_\_\_\_
  
14. Does your agency actively promote development or specific type of land uses along the bus routes or commuter rail lines?
  - If not, why not? \_\_\_\_\_
  - If yes, please indicate what has been done to promote development along bus routes or commuter rail lines? \_\_\_\_\_

15. Have you noticed any issues for public transit customers trying to access developments utilizing existing bus routes?

- Limited signalization \_\_\_\_\_
- Lack of lighting \_\_\_\_
- Lack of sidewalks \_\_\_\_\_
- Low visibility \_\_\_\_\_
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

16. What do you see as the benefits of development around a Votran bus stop? Please check all that apply.

- Increased revenues to public sector \_\_\_\_
- Increased transit ridership \_\_\_\_
- Promotion of smart growth \_\_\_\_\_
- Catalyst to redevelopment \_\_\_\_
- Enhanced property values \_\_\_\_
- Improved urban design \_\_\_\_\_
- Reduced emissions \_\_\_\_\_
- Increased accessibility for jobs \_\_\_\_
- Increased accessibility for individuals who do not drive \_\_\_\_\_
- Increased accessibility for individuals with disabilities \_\_\_\_
- Other (please list below) \_\_\_\_\_

17. Based upon your experience with Votran, please characterize the level of interest that your jurisdiction has in future investments near bus stops/bus routes?

- Very interested
- neutral
- not interested \_
- Why? \_\_\_\_\_

18. Are there any areas of interest which were not mentioned in the survey, that you believe are important to the discussion of transit design guidelines in Volusia County? \_

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***Thank you for your help!***