



To Whom It May Concern:

The Safe Mobility for Life Coalition, in collaboration with the Florida Department of Transportation, is asking for your help with data collection among the state's aging road users. We are conducting surveys to better understand how Floridians (50 years and older) get from place to place and to use this information to address their transportation safety and mobility needs. This letter describes the process for conducting these surveys, particularly focusing on the issue of receiving informed consent from participants.

We are enclosing copies of the survey for you to distribute and collect at one or more of your community events or other settings in which you could recruit participants. We estimate that the survey shouldn't take much time to complete. Prior to distributing surveys to potential participants, it's important to ensure that they understand several features of the study and their involvement in it. In particular, it is essential that you, or your agency's representative at the event, make certain that potential participants are made aware of the following:

1. **Study purpose** – i.e., to assist the Safe Mobility for Life Coalition's efforts to address aging road users' transportation safety and mobility needs.
2. **Risks and benefits** – i.e., no known risks and no direct benefits to them, as individuals.
3. **Confidentiality** – i.e., that the study records will be kept private and confidential to the extent permitted by law and any reports of the findings will not include information making it possible to identify any particular participants.
4. **Voluntary participation** – i.e., that participants are free to not answer any questions or withdraw from the study at any time, without any consequences for their relationship with the University or the Safe Mobility for Life Coalition.

We ask that you present this information to potential participants and ask whether they have any questions about the study or informed consent. If they have any questions that you are not able to answer or would be better directed to either the primary investigator or FSU Institutional Review Board, please provide them with the following contact information (also printed on the consent form):

**Primary Investigator:** Dr. Anne Barrett, Director of Pepper Institute on Aging and Public Policy, Florida State University, 636 W. Call St., Tallahassee, FL 32306; 850-644-8825; [abarrett@fsu.edu](mailto:abarrett@fsu.edu)

**FSU Institutional Review Board:** 2010 Levy Street, Research Building B, Suite 276, Tallahassee, FL 32306-2742; 850-644-8633; [humansubjects@fsu.edu](mailto:humansubjects@fsu.edu)

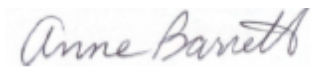
If they would like to participate, you then would ask them to sign the informed consent form that is the coversheet for each survey we have included in this packet. Leave the consent form attached to the survey. Please provide each participant with one of the additional consent forms we have enclosed in this packet; this copy is for each participant to keep for her/his own records. After administering and collecting the surveys, please mail them to our office at the following address:

Gail M. Holley  
Safe Mobility for Life Program  
Florida Department of Transportation  
605 Suwannee Street, M.S. 36  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0450

We also are providing you with a link to an online version of the survey, for you to share with potential participants who'd prefer this format: <http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/3331043/Florida-Aging-Road-User-Survey>. The first page of the online survey informs them about the study and asks for their consent, so you are not asked to collect paper versions of consent forms for these participants.

Thank you for helping the Coalition with this important research. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Best,



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# FSU BEHAVIORAL CONSENT FORM

## *Aging Road Users Survey*

You are invited to be in a research study of middle-aged and older adults' transportation experiences. You were selected as a possible participant because you are a Floridian who is 50 or older. We ask that you read this form and ask any questions you may have before agreeing to be in the study.

This study is being conducted by the Florida Department of Transportation, on behalf of the Safe Mobility for Life Coalition, and by Anne Barrett, Professor of Sociology and Director of Pepper Institute on Aging and Public Policy, Florida State University.

### **Background Information:**

The purpose of this study is to understand how Floridians get from place to place and to use this information to address their transportation safety and mobility needs.

### **Procedures:**

If you agree to be in this study, we would ask you to answer survey questions about your transportation experiences. The survey will take about 10 minutes.

### **Risks and benefits of being in the Study:**

The study has no known risks.

The study will benefit Safe Mobility for Life Coalition's efforts to address aging road users' transportation safety and mobility needs, but direct benefits do not exist.

### **Confidentiality:**

The records of this study will be kept private and confidential to the extent permitted by law. In any report we might publish, we will not include any information that will make it possible to identify a subject. However, research information that identifies you may be shared with the FSU Institutional Review Board (IRB) and others who are responsible for ensuring compliance with laws and regulations related to research, including people on behalf of the Safe Mobility for Life Coalition and the Office for Human Research Protections.

## **Voluntary Nature of the Study:**

Participation in this study is voluntary. Your decision whether or not to participate will not affect your current or future relations with the University or the Safe Mobility for Life Coalition. If you decide to participate, you are free to not answer any question or withdraw at any time without affecting those relationships.

## **Contacts and Questions:**

The researchers conducting this study are Anne Barrett (Pepper Institute on Aging and Public Policy, Florida State University) and Gail Holley (Safe Mobility for Life Program, Florida Department of Transportation). You may ask any question you have now. If you have a question later, you are encouraged to contact them at Pepper Institute on Aging and Public Policy, 636 W. Call St., Tallahassee, FL, 850-644-8825, [abarrett@fsu.edu](mailto:abarrett@fsu.edu).

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If you have any questions or concerns regarding this study and would like to talk to someone other than the researchers, you are encouraged to contact the FSU IRB at 2010 Levy Street, Research Building B, Suite 276, Tallahassee, FL 32306-2742, or 850-644-8633, or by email at [humansubjects@fsu.edu](mailto:humansubjects@fsu.edu)

You will be given a copy of this information to keep for your records.

## **Statement of Consent:**

I have read the above information. I have asked questions and have received answers. I consent to participate in the study.

\_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Signature

Date



# Florida's Aging Road User Survey



The Safe Mobility for Life Coalition is working to improve the safety, access, and mobility of Florida's aging population (50 years and older). To reach our goals, we could use your help!

The survey shouldn't take much of your time. Your responses will help us make sure we address your transportation safety and mobility needs and develop useful educational materials.

## 1. Do you currently have a driver license?

- No, I don't. PLEASE CONTINUE WITH QUESTION 12 on PAGE 5.
- Yes, I do. PLEASE CONTINUE WITH QUESTION 2.

## 2. Where did you get your current license?

- In Florida
- In another state

## 3. Have you driven a motor vehicle in the past 30 days?

- No, I haven't. PLEASE CONTINUE WITH QUESTION 12 ON PAGE 5.
- Yes, I have. PLEASE CONTINUE WITH QUESTION 4.

## 4. Please take a moment to tell us how you feel about driving. Check the box that best describes your reaction to each statement.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Driving a vehicle is pleasurable.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I am experiencing increasing apprehension about driving.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I am becoming more concerned about the unsafe and aggressive behavior of other drivers.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



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	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Being able to drive is important to me.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Being able to drive is necessary to my life to give me the flexibility I desire.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Driving is central to my independence.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If I stopped driving, I fear I would become isolated.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The physical demands of driving a vehicle (for example, getting in and out of the car) are becoming a challenge.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The financial cost of driving and maintaining a vehicle is an increasing concern of mine.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I'm becoming more concerned about how my thinking affects my driving.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Others count on me being about to drive.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Driving enables me to play an active role in my community.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
By driving, I can support family.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
By driving, I can visit with others.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
People close to me think I should stop driving.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## 5. How many days a week do you drive?

1-3 days

4-6 days

7 days



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6. How would you rate your overall driving ability?

- Poor
- Fair
- Good
- Very good
- Excellent

7. At what age do you think you will stop driving?

- 50 to 55 years old
- 56 to 59 years old
- 60 to 64 years old
- 65 to 69 years old
- 70 to 74 years old
- 75 to 79 years old
- 80 to 84 years old
- 85 to 89 years old
- 90 or older
- I don't think I'll ever stop driving.

8. Have you planned ahead for the day when you can no longer safely drive?

- Yes  No

9. If you could no longer safely drive, what would be the most likely way that you would get around your community?

- Rides with family members..... Yes  No
- Rides with friends..... Yes  No
- Walking..... Yes  No
- Bus..... Yes  No
- Rail..... Yes  No
- Golf cart..... Yes  No
- Bicycling..... Yes  No
- Community volunteer driver program..... Yes  No
- Transportation program where I live..... Yes  No
- Taxi/cab..... Yes  No
- Para-transit..... Yes  No
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_



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10. In the past year, has anyone talked with you about the possibility of stopping driving?  Yes  No

10a. If so, who?

- Medical doctor..... Yes  No
- Other health professional..... Yes  No
- Family member..... Yes  No
- Friend..... Yes  No
- Law enforcement officer..... Yes  No
- Department of Highway Safety ..... Yes  No  
and Motor Vehicles representative
- Neighbor..... Yes  No
- Social Service people..... Yes  No
- Clergy..... Yes  No
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

11. In addition to driving a car, how do you currently get around in the community?

- Rides with family members..... Yes  No
- Rides with friends..... Yes  No
- Walking..... Yes  No
- Bus..... Yes  No
- Rail..... Yes  No
- Golf cart..... Yes  No
- Bicycling..... Yes  No
- Community volunteer driver program..... Yes  No
- Transportation program where I live..... Yes  No
- Taxi/cab..... Yes  No
- Para-transit..... Yes  No
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_





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Have you driven a motor vehicle in the past 30 days?

- No, I haven't – PLEASE CONTINUE WITH QUESTION 12.
- Yes, I have – PLEASE CONTINUE WITH QUESTION 14 ON PAGE 6.

12. What is the MAIN reason you haven't driven in the past 30 days?

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Someone else was available to drive           | <input type="checkbox"/> Family members urged me to stop driving |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other forms of transport were available       | <input type="checkbox"/> Crash or near-miss involvement          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Did not enjoy or feel comfortable driving     | <input type="checkbox"/> High cost of owning a vehicle           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Was concerned about reactions in an emergency | <input type="checkbox"/> Chose not to renew my license           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Was advised by doctor not to drive            | <input type="checkbox"/> My license was revoked                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Had health problems                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Never had a license                     |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____                            |

13. How do you get around in the community?

- Rides with family members..... Yes  No
- Rides with friends..... Yes  No
- Bus..... Yes  No
- Rail..... Yes  No
- Walking..... Yes  No
- Golf cart ..... Yes  No
- Bicycling ..... Yes  No
- Community volunteer driver program..... Yes  No
- Transportation program where I live..... Yes  No
- Taxi/cab..... Yes  No
- Para-transit ..... Yes  No
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_



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## 14. In the past 12 months, have you...

- Visited the FLSAMS.org website?..... Yes  No
- Looked at Safe Mobility for Life Coalition's Florida's Guide for Aging Drivers?..... Yes  No
- Looked at Safe Mobility for Life Coalition's Families and Caregivers brochure?..... Yes  No
- Looked at Safe Mobility for Life Coalition's Aging in Place Checklist? ..... Yes  No
- Attended a CarFit safety event? ..... Yes  No
- Used the FLSAMS.org Find-a-Ride webpage? ..... Yes  No
- Received educational materials from the Safe Mobility for Life Coalition at an outreach event?  
 Yes  No

## 15. Before taking this survey, were you aware of Florida's statewide "Safe Mobility for Life Coalition" and their efforts to improve the safety, access, and mobility of adults 65 and older? Yes No

## 16. An autonomous car (also called a driverless car, self-driving car, or robotic car) is able to sense its environment and navigate without human input. If cost were not an issue, how willing would you be to use an autonomous car?

- Very willing
- Somewhat willing
- Not at all willing

## 17. How would you rate your overall health?

- Poor
- Fair
- Good
- Very good
- Excellent

## 18. Which of the following age categories best describes you?

- 50 to 55 years old
- 56 to 59 years old
- 60 to 64 years old
- 65 to 69 years old
- 70 to 74 years old
- 75 to 79 years old
- 80 to 84 years old
- 85 to 89 years old
- 90 or older



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19. What is your current living arrangement?

- On my own
- Living with someone

20. What is the highest grade of school or year of college you completed?

- Grade school
- High school graduate
- Some college
- College graduate
- Post graduate degree

21. What is your gender?

- Male
- Female

22. What is your race?

- White
- Black
- Hispanic
- Asian
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

23. What county do you live? \_\_\_\_\_



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On behalf of Florida's Safe Mobility for Life Coalition, thank you for taking the time to complete our survey!

If you are interested in learning more information or would like to receive a free copy of Florida's Guide for Aging Drivers, please complete the following:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Print)

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_