

Statesville Transportation Survey - Cover Letter

Dear Statesville Resident:

As you know, transportation plays a vital role in the economic prosperity of a region. Adequate transportation must be provided to support the current and future needs of employment, education, travel and tourism, field to market agricultural transport, and the movement of other goods and services. The City of Statesville is working with the North Carolina Department of Transportation and additional partners to create a Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) for the Statesville area. The CTP will analyze transportation needs through the year 2040 and recommend improvements for highways, public transportation, and bicycle and pedestrian facilities. Although the CTP does not schedule or fund the improvements, it is an essential step in the transportation improvement process. The final plan will provide a 'road map' for a safe and effective transportation system in the Statesville area.

Public input is a key part of the plan. We are asking for a few minutes of your time to complete a survey to help identify transportation concerns and to improve our understanding of local objectives and priorities.

Did you know? The population of Statesville grew from 17,567 people in 1990 to 26,704 in 2007. More people means more cars and more traffic. Because roadways and other transportation facilities are important for maintaining the quality of life in Statesville, we need your input. Please take a few minutes to fill out the attached survey and return it to us at the address provided at the end of the survey, or complete it online at www.surveymonkey.com/Statesville. Please complete the survey by July 30th. Please note that the last six (6) questions are for businesses only.

This survey is anonymous and your name will not be associated with the survey unless you request it. If you have any questions or if you wish to receive more information about the transportation plan, you may contact David Keilson with the NCDOT Transportation Planning Branch by email at dpkeilson@ncdot.gov, or by telephone at 919-715-5737. Thank you for your participation.

Sincerely,

- City of Statesville
- Statesville Planning Department
- Iredell County
- ICATS (Iredell County Area Transportation System)
- Greater Statesville Chamber of Commerce
- Lake Norman Rural Planning Organization
- North Carolina Department of Transportation

Statesville Transportation Survey - Residents and Businesses

1. Which of the following transportation goals are important? Please mark all the goals you believe are important.

- Increase transportation choices by improving bicycle and pedestrian facilities.
- Increase transportation choices through improvements to scheduled bus service or park-and-ride lots (which facilitate carpooling, vanpooling, and transit).
- Community and Rural Character Preservation: keep businesses in downtown areas; preserve existing buildings and neighborhoods; maintain rural character and landscape.
- Reduce congestion and travel times.

Other (please specify)

2. What methods should be used to alleviate traffic congestion? Please mark all the methods you consider a good approach.

- Improve intersections & signal timing; add turn lanes & roundabouts as needed.
- Build new roads.
- Control the frequency and location of driveways and intersections.
- Widen existing roads.
- Enhance transportation alternatives such as bus, sidewalks, bicycle, and car or vanpooling.

Other (please specify)

3. Where do congestion and delay occur in Statesville? List roads and intersections.

4. Please list roads, intersections, and bridges about which you have safety concerns. Also list some solutions to your concerns.

5. Iredell County Area Transportation System (ICATS) operates one fixed route in Statesville in addition to demand response service. The fixed route is Statesville Loop R104. Stops are listed below.

R104: Plaza Apts; Pearl at Deaton; Bristol Road Rec Center; Grove at Inglewood; Fifth at Bentley Center; East Raleigh at Adams; Unity Drive; Signal Hill Mall; Bi-Lo; Kings Grant Apts; Walmart.

Are there any improvements to bus service which would cause you to ride more frequently? Please mark all the items which apply.

- Buses which connect to the Charlotte transit system.
- Longer operating hours.
- Vanpools to your work.
- Out of county service.
- More frequent bus service.
- More bus routes and stops.

Other (please specify)

6. Would you like to have more transit service for any of the following types of trips (please mark all the items which apply):

- Employment
- Medical
- Personal

Other (please specify)

7. What improvements are needed to support safe and comfortable walking and bicycling to school, to work, to shopping, and to other destinations? Please mark all the items you believe are needed, and indicate the location where needed.

- Adding new sidewalks, bicycle lanes, and wide paved shoulders.
- Improving the condition of existing sidewalks, bicycle lanes, and shoulders.
- Adding trees or vegetation between the street and the sidewalk.
- Adding crosswalks and pedestrian signals.
- Adding street lights.

Please list locations for each improvement marked above, and list any other improvements you recommend.

8. What other transportation problems exist in Statesville?

9. What do you believe are good sources to fund transportation improvements? Please mark all the items you believe are good funding sources.

- Increase to county sales tax.
- Mileage tax (paid annually based on the amount you drive).
- Impact fees for development.
- None of the above – continue relying on current sources.

Other (please specify)

10. What is your age?

- Under 18 18 to 39 40 to 64 65 or over

11. Do you have access to a car?

- Yes No

12. Please enter the 5-digit zip code of your local residence.

RESIDENTS - END OF QUESTIONS. If taking this survey online, please click "Next", skip to bottom of business questions, and click "Done".

BUSINESSES - PLEASE CONTINUE ON NEXT PAGE.

Questions for BUSINESSES. Residents please skip to end, click "Done".

13. FOR BUSINESSES ONLY: Is public transportation (bus) service adequate for the needs of current and potential employees?

Yes

No

If no, please explain.

14. FOR BUSINESSES ONLY: Is there adequate access to truck, rail, and air freight? If not, please explain and suggest improvements.

Yes

No

Truck

Rail

Air

If not adequate for truck, rail, and air, please explain and suggest improvements.

15. FOR BUSINESSES ONLY: Is there anything which hinders access to your business by current or potential customers?

16. FOR BUSINESSES ONLY: What other transportation issues exist in Statesville which affect your business?

17. FOR BUSINESSES ONLY: How many employees work at your Statesville business location?

1 to 9

10 to 24

25 to 99

100 or more

18. FOR BUSINESSES ONLY: Please enter the 5-digit zip code of your Statesville business.

Please complete the survey by July 30th. If you are completing a printed survey (i.e. not completing it online), please return it to the address below. Thank you.

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