



- Survey launched 9/6/24.
- 148 Unique Responses
- The vast majority:
  - Have not used public transit (84%) and would not use it (60%) from East Garrison (EG) regardless of price or proximity
  - 63% would not use transit even if given free monthly bus pass
  - Believe that EG homeowner should not be made to pay anything for transit through HOA or Mello-Roos
  - Are not willing to pay for transit that connects EG and CSUMB
- Top concerns about public transit inside EG are Extra wear on roads maintained by the HOA, Traffic and Safety

- Survey conducted by Kiwanis Club of East Garrison
- Results presented to East Garrison Community Association HOA on 9/18/24
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# Public Transit Survey Respondents Overview



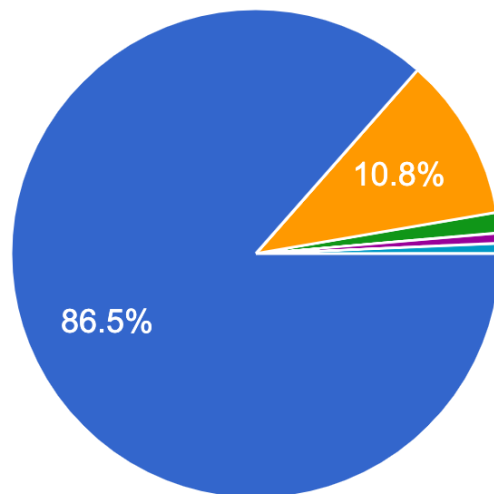
- 87% homeowner
- 11% tenant of apartment
- 75% lived in EG more than 4 years
- Age:
  - 63% 31 – 65 years old
  - 32 % 65+ years old
- Career
  - 48% work full time
  - 30% retired
- 88% No relationship with CSUMB
- Children in household
  - 60% none
  - 19% 0 – 5 years
  - 17% 6 – 12 years
  - 15% 13 – 18 years

## Most respondents are:

- **EG Homeowner**
- **Lived in EG 4+ years**
- **31 – 65 years old**
- **Work full time**

## 1. Which best describes your East Garrison (EG) residency?

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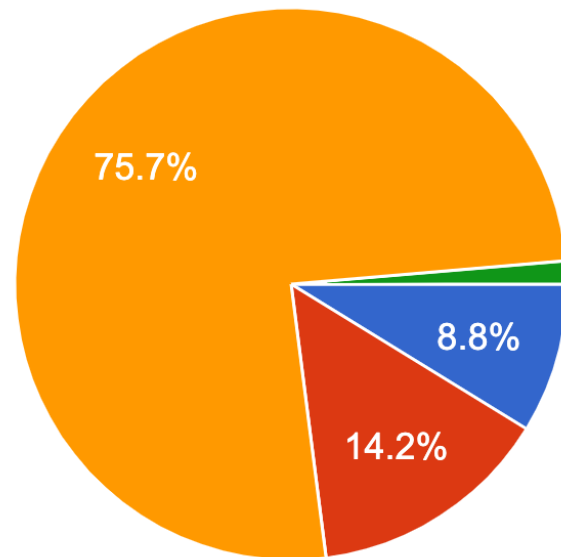


- Homeowner
- Tenant of a townhome or single family home
- Tenant of an apartment
- None of the above
- Live in Marina
- Family lives there

- **86.5 % EG Homeowner**
- **10.8% Tenant of apartment**

## 2. How long have you lived in East Garrison

148 responses



- Under a year
- 1 – 3 years
- More than 4 years
- None of the above

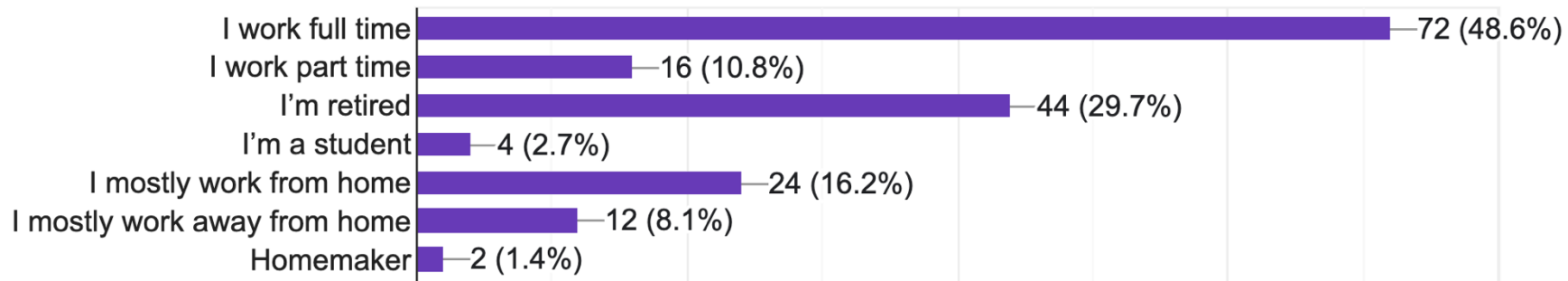
- **75.7% live in EG more than 4 years**
- **14.2% live in EG 1 – 3 years**

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## 3. Which best describes you?

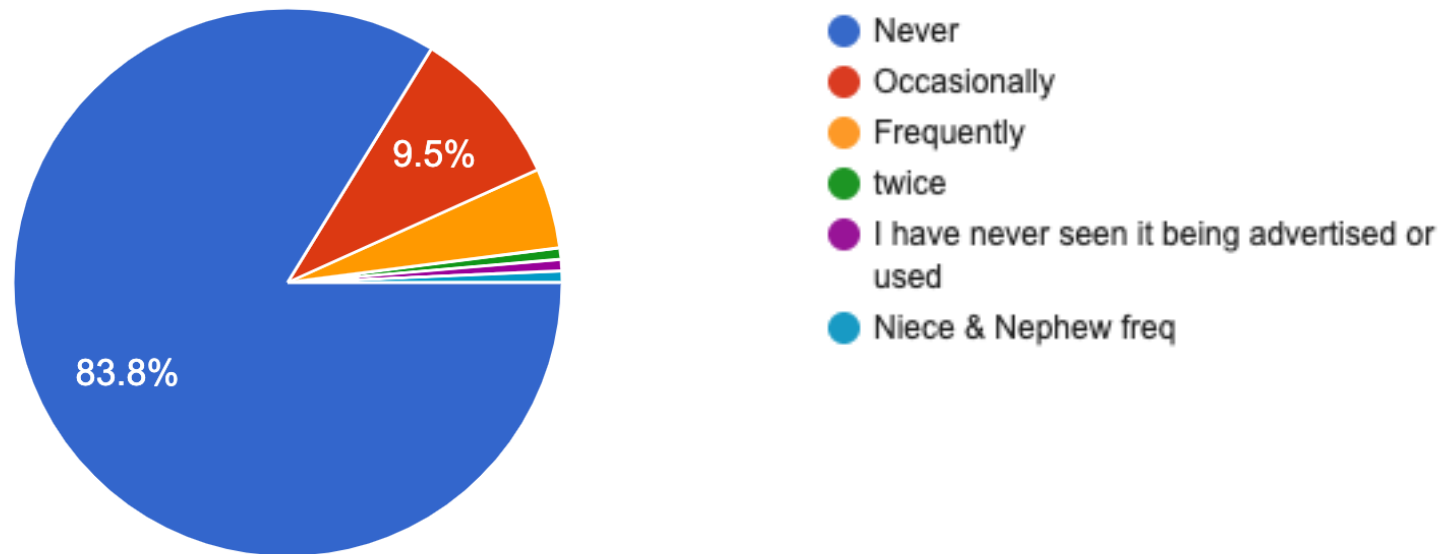
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- 48.6% work full time
- 29.7% retired
- 10.8% work part time
- 16.2% mostly work from home
- 10 people each gave free form answers outside of these categories

## 4. How often have you used public transportation since you lived in East Garrison?

148 responses

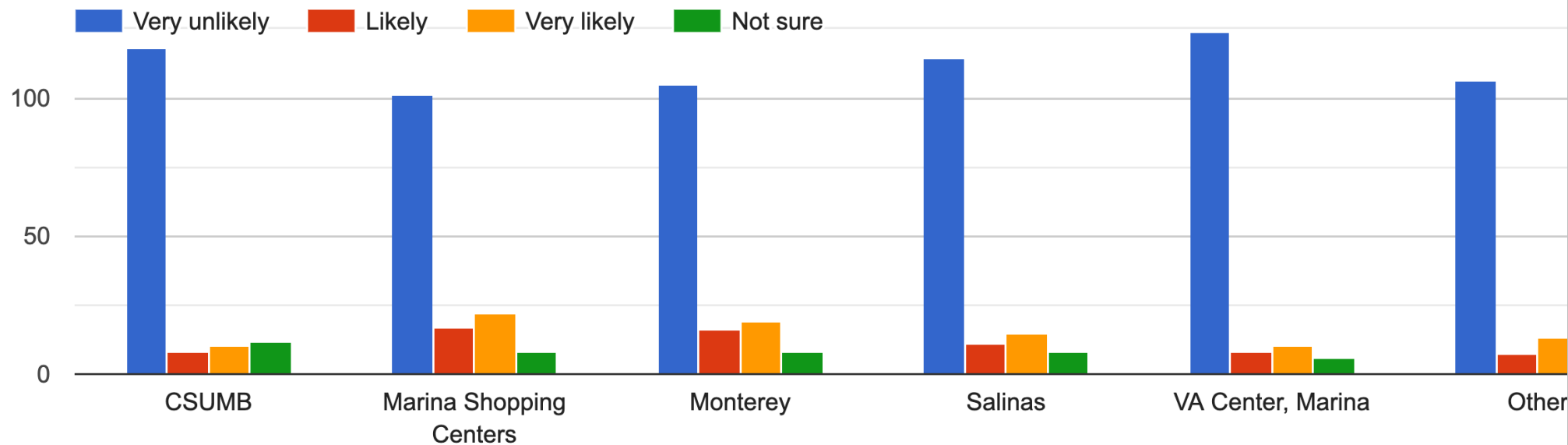


**83.8% Never used public transit since they lived in East Garrison**

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5. Which of the following places would you be likely to go to via public transportation from East Garrison?

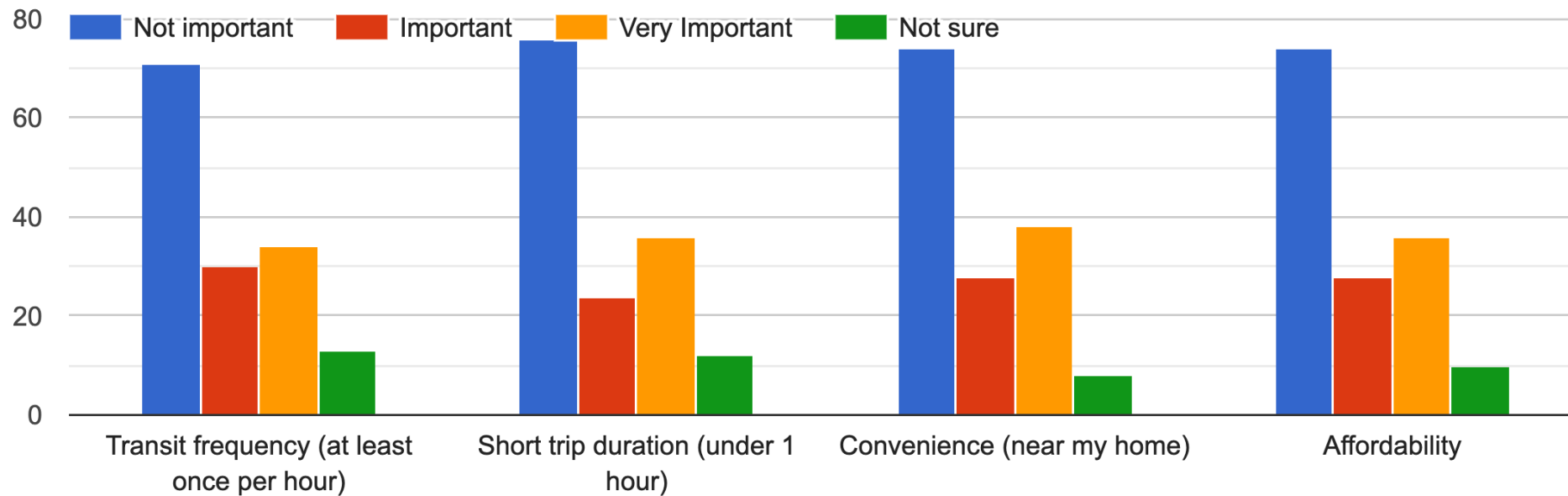


About half of respondents say they would be “Very Unlikely” to go from East Garrison to any of the main nearby location on public transit

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6. Which of the following factors are most important for you when you decide whether to use public transportation from / to East Garrison?



About half of respondents say that the following factors would not influence their decision about where to use public transit to / from EG:

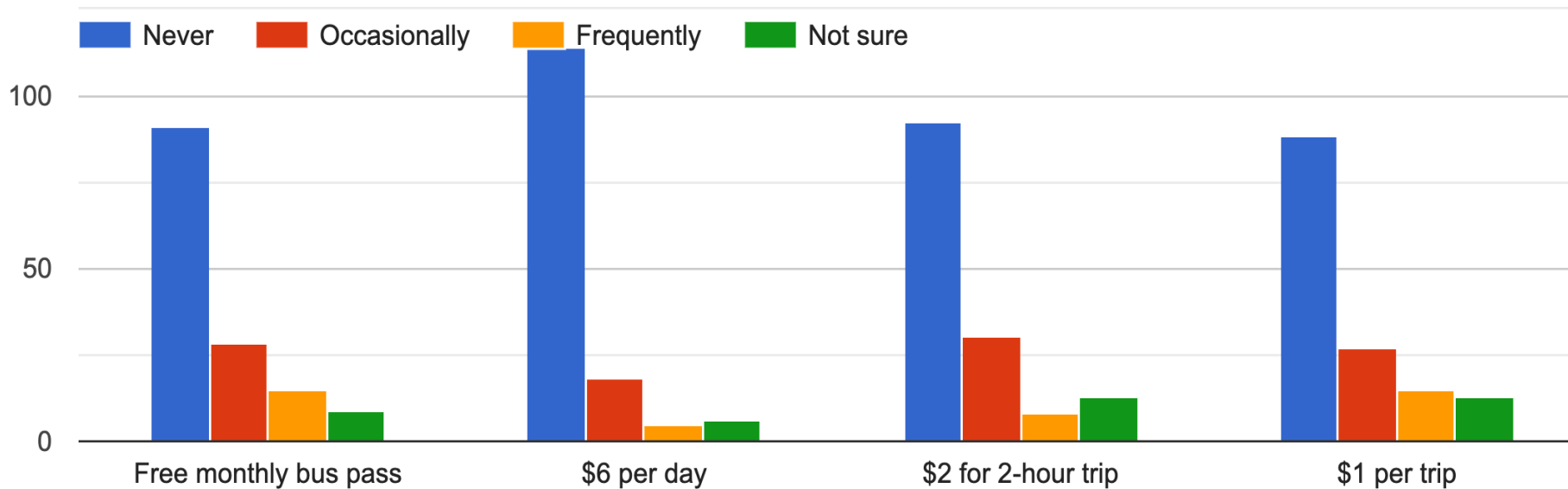
- Frequency
- Short duration
- Nearby stop
- Affordable



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7. At the following price points, how often would you use public transit that's accessible in or near East Garrison?

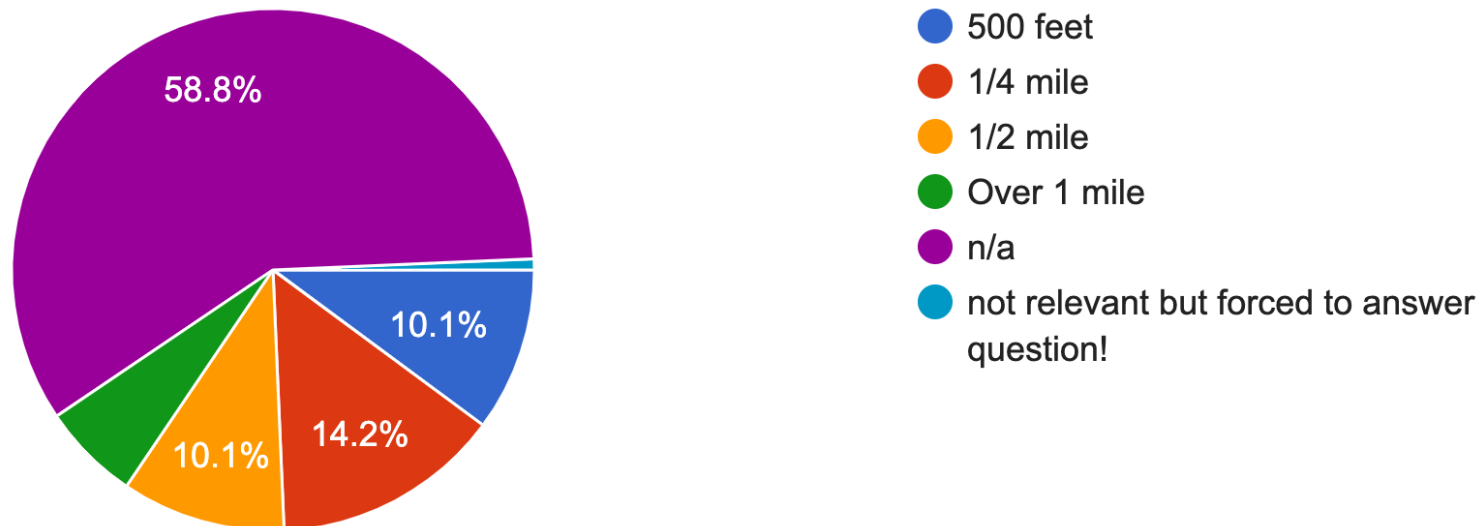


**About 63% of respondents say they would not use public transit from EG at any price, including free**

# Public Transit Survey Responses

## 8. How far would you travel from East Garrison to access public transportation frequently or occasionally

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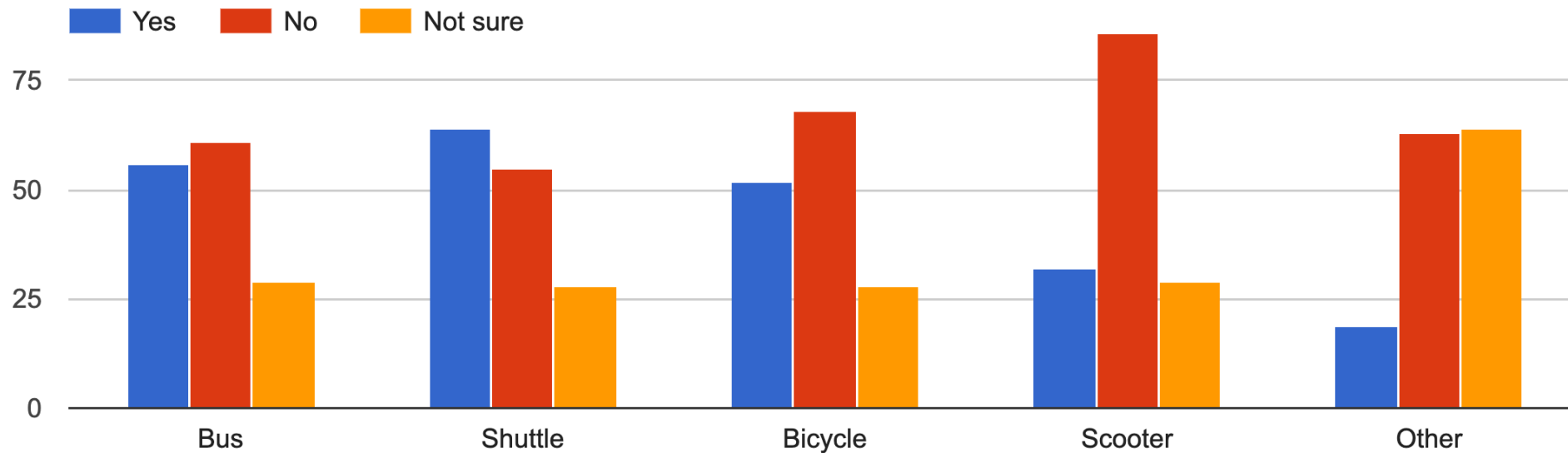
**About 60% of respondents say they would use public transit from EG if regardless if boarding was near (500 feet) or far (over 1 mile)**

**35% may use transit if it was between 500 feet to 1/2 mile away.**

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9. What type of public transportation would you like to be accessible in or near East Garrison?



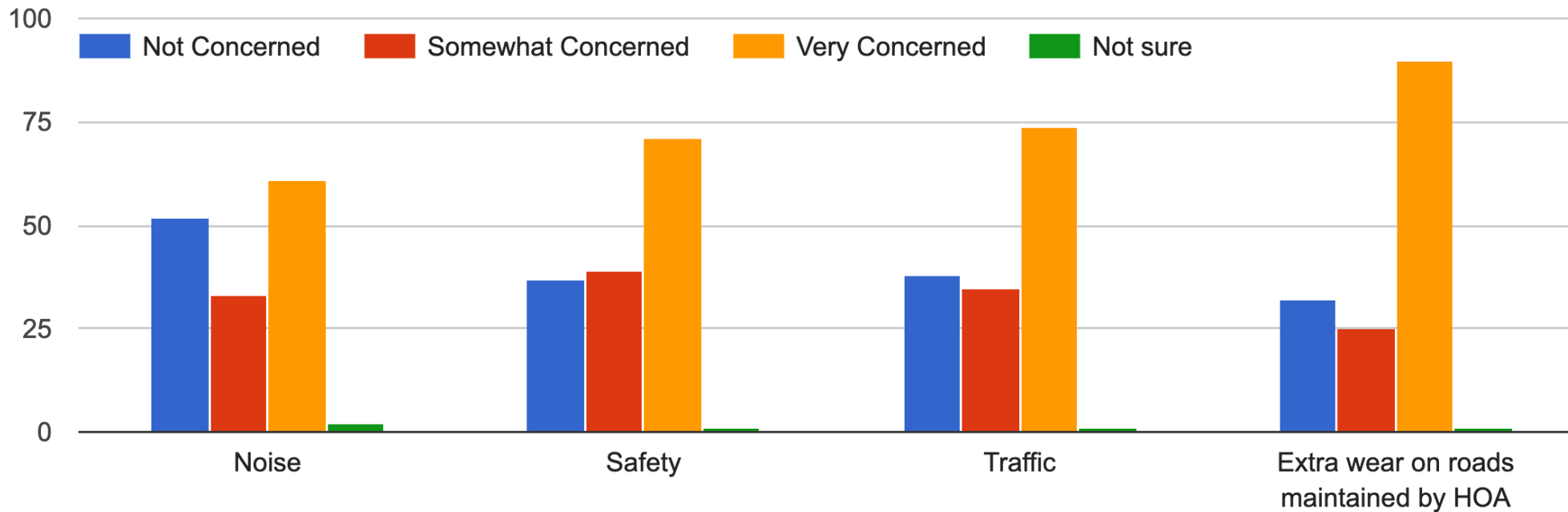
About 43% of respondents would like shuttle or bus to be accessible in or near East Garrison.

58% are opposed to scooters

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10. What concerns, if any, do you have about public transportation inside East Garrison

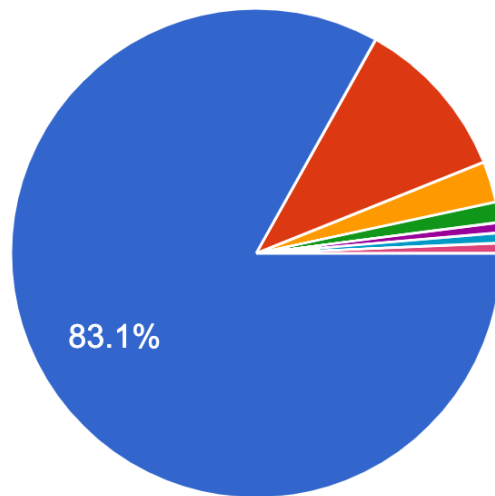


About 60% are Very Concerned about transit's extra wear on roads maintained by HOA

About 42% - 50% are Very Concerned about Traffic and Safety (50%) and Noise

11. How much do you think EG homeowners should be made to pay through the HOA or Mello-Roos fees for public transportation (on top of the taxes they already pay that fund MST)?

148 responses



- None
- Under \$10 per year per homeowner
- Over \$10 per year per homeowner
- Not sure
- We should not have to pay double taxes! Especially when we are not interested in using public transport either
- \$50 per year per home
- \$0 - Nothing - I absolutely NEVER require this service - I hate that you're...

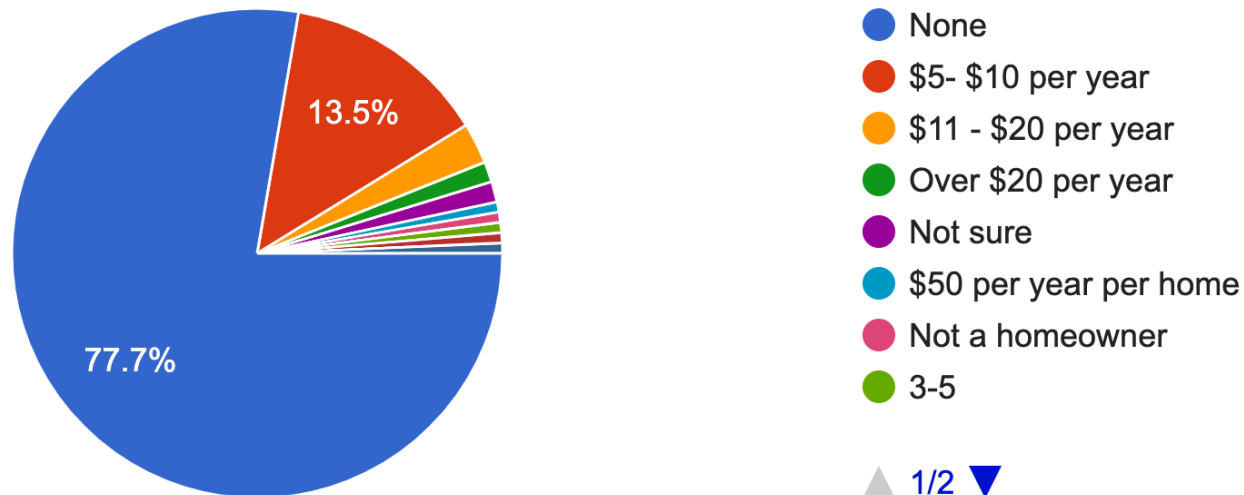
**83.1 % think that EG homeowners should not be made to pay anything through HOA or Mello-Roos for public transit**

# Public Transit Survey Responses



12. If you are an East Garrison homeowner, how much would you be willing to pay per year through HOA dues for transportation that just connects East Garrison to CSUMB, which is serviced by MST lines going to both Monterey and Salinas?

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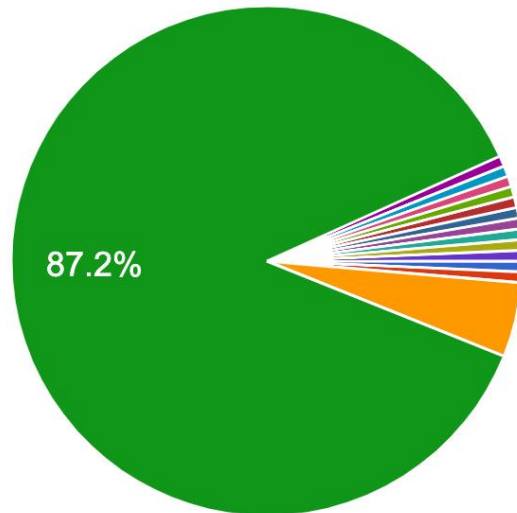
**77.7 % would not be willing to pay anything through the HOA for transit that connects EG to CSUMB.**

**13.5% would pay \$5 - \$10 per year**

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## 13. What is your relationship with CSUMB ?

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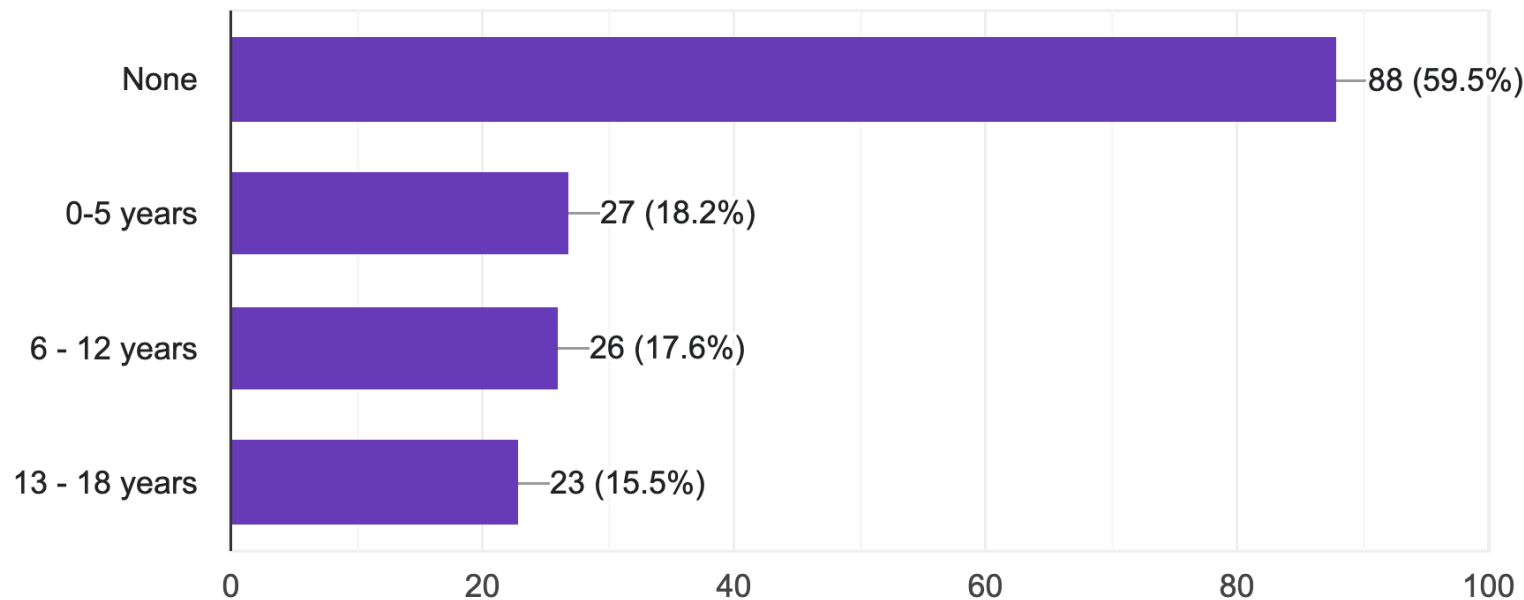


- Student
- Faculty or Staff
- I volunteer or attend events
- None of the above
- Children attend
- Spouse is faculty
- Alumni
- A few my employees attending CSUMB.
- Alum I graduated from there :)
- I sometimes host students for dinner/ events. We always drive them to/from CSUMB if we invited them over.
- Family members are staff
- Retired & Occasionally PT
- Graduate
- Absolutely no relationship or need for public transportation - I will NOT pay f...

**87.2% have no relationship with CSUB**

## 14. What are the ages of children in your household?

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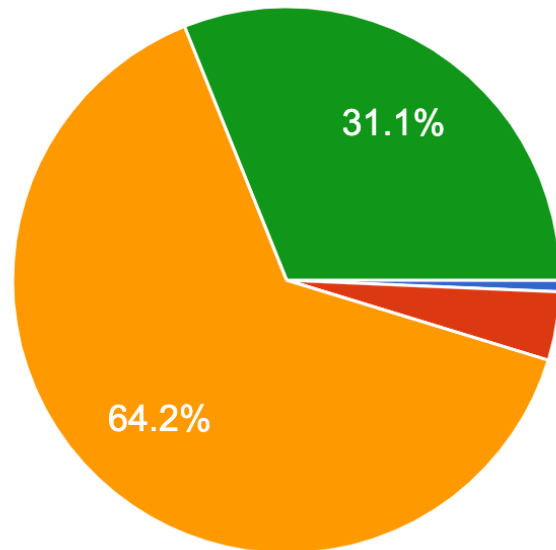
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## 15. What is your age?

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- Under 18 years old
- 19 - 30 years old
- 31 - 65 years old
- Over 65 years old

Age:

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- 32 % 65+ years old

# Public Transit Survey Comments



**Kiwanis**  
EAST GARRISON

We should not become the 1st HOA in the USA forced to fund public transit

are there any organizations that subsidize bus passes for seniors, handicapped or those with little income?

We do not use public transportation and do not want to fund it. Those who use public transportation should fund their own just as those of us who have vehicles have to fund gas and maintenance at our own expense. Expecting homeowners to fund other residents transportation costs is ludicrous and unheard of!!

Since we are already paying taxes to support MST, I think it is discriminatory to expect us to pay additional fees that no one else in the County has to pay.

The amount of taxes already paid are astronomical. Find another way besides laying the tax burden on homeowners.

Stop with increasing taxes!! We pay enough!!

WE DO NOT NEED PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION PAID FOR BY EG

I don't feel that we, as homeowners, should be responsible for MST passes. Whoever wants to take the bus should pay the fare for the bus, not have that fare subsidized by the HOA.

- **50 Comments**  
(about 1/3 of respondents)
- **Most express opposition to homeowners paying for transit or for transit coming into EG**

# Public Transit Survey Comments



We pay enough taxes. They should just reallocate what we currently pay.

Would love to see The Waves come to EG for transportation to CSUMB

I would use a MST Bus if it were available but at ZERO additional costs to the homeowners of East Garrison—we should NOT have to pay anything for MST to have a bus go through—our development constructed the bus stops on the public road of Sherman(InterGarrison)/whatever it is across from the Fire Station—the bus should go there at NO ANNUAL FEES to the homeowners or HOA. To be clear, I'm not saying riding the bus/bus fare should be free, but to add a stop in East Garrison for an existing bus line should NOT be of ANY cost to East Garrison homeowners or our HOA.

The last thing this community needs is another reason for residents to dislike living here—between the HOA headaches and now this ridiculous bus pass proposal, EG is practically a bingo card of reasons to regret buying a home here. Why pile on with double taxation? I have enough to complain about already.

If the MST is already providing transportation from Salinas to CSUMB, they should be able to make a couple of stops at East Garrison for the apartment dwellers who may use it more.

This is ridiculous and should not be funded at all. We are already taxed to provide funding for this.  
Absolutely no funding for this! We already pay taxes for this.

The new changes to the 61 MST have severely impacted my aboto run errands and the current start and stop times make it so I have to Uber in and out of Marina just to take the bus. It's roughly \$15 to Uber into Marina

EG residences and HOA pay our fair share on property taxes and Mello Roose to maintain roads and public infrastructure just like homeowners else where in the city, county and state. We should not be pay extra on top of that to fund a city/count/state own MST bus when our property taxes and income taxes are already cover the public infrastructure. This is unfair burden on EG residents/HOA. It must not be allowed to happen.

# Public Transit Survey Comments



I appreciate having public transportation especially for seniors and those who did not have a license or money for a car for apartments and low income parts of EG. Always have supported public transit but I think the county needs to think about how they are spending money on transportation. They have not managed money very well. Our roads are terrible in the county. I hope that leaders think about how the spend money of tax paying citizens. It's very frustrating. I am thankful to have a place at manzanita but I have been very frustrated with elected officials and the terrible road conditions. A shuttle to save on gas would be super helpful and appreciated.

I should not have to pay so that others can use public transportation...I pay enough as is and taxes continue to go up along with HOA dues

I wish we had more rail systems like they do in Europe. I buses are slow and use the same roads as the rest of traffic. Buses are always inconvenient and not worth the time or money. That's why driving culture maintains the status quo.

Airport shuttle and door to for medical appointments only interest

The taxes I pay the county and the outrageous mello roos we are charged should pay for transportation. We would be the only HOA in CA if not the US, that makes its residents pay to fund public transportation.

HOA dues going toward funding this makes no sense at all.

We do not plan on using MST, nor should we be responsible for paying for others .

I do not support this and don't want to pay extra fees to fund this.

# Public Transit Survey Comments



East Garrison HOA property owners already are double taxed through Mello-Roos. We have no law enforcement presence due to Sheriff ISON Department's incompetent leadership by Tina Nieto and County Supervisors . MST should not be paid for by East Garrison property owners - there is no legal precedent for an HOA to pay for public transit services anywhere in California or nationwide. This entire scheme was created over a decade ago by corrupt County Supervisors and the developers. It is illegal and should be challenged through litigation. East Garrison property owners are not receiving the County services we already pay for through Assessor property taxes and Mello-Roos line items for Services and Facilities.

The EG homeowners should not be made to pay anything for other people. Everyone should pay for their own stuff. Why would you make homeowners pay for other people's transportation? Majority of the residents here use their own cars. The state of California is already ripping taxpayers off, nobody wants additional burden. Please have some common sense. Also, public transportation will only bring more congestion, crime, noise and chaos to town.

We already pay through our mello roos tax. We should not have to pay any more than that.

We don't need to provide bus passes for city transit. Absurd.

I do not want to be charged twice for a service I (or many others in EG) may never use. Our Mello-Roos taxes are more than enough to cover the bus service for just a few riders. Our HOA fees are for the community - not a bus stop. This smells as bad as the ridiculous bus route being considered along Hiway-1. Come on, use the money where it'll do some good for everybody - not a bunch of money-grabbing bureaucrats.

Transport should be free and affordable for example .50 or .25 two dollars is way to much money

It would be a double tax for us to pay for public transport as we already get taxed for this.

# Public Transit Survey Comments



Nope

Not interested in bus stop in my neighborhood.

Please no public transport around EG, let Fort Ord be wilderness treasure as it is. Whoever needs it, will commute by car

Everyone trying to survive with inflation, why would EG pay more dues to Hoa for mst. I'm against this!

I pay property tax as well the unfair Mello-Roos tax. Transportation is included in the property taxes.

I would never use the public transportation and absolutely do not think I should be paying for it. We pay enough to live here as is. Let's work on completing the projects we had been promised first.

We should not have to contribute to this transportation- we are retired on a fixed income!

Why should we pay for transportation

I strongly oppose any bus line to East Garrison. Not only would it cause more traffic concerns here but it would bring in crime . We already have zero law enforcement here so we do not need or want a bus line or bus stop !! Not to mention we already pay for MST in our property taxes ! Big NO for this bus stop !

Being able to take a bus or shuttle to Montage and the shops in South Marina and to the bus center by the Marina post office would interest me

# Public Transit Survey Comments



While I wouldn't use public transportation I would like it available for purchase for residents that will use it.

Most homeowners own a car/cars. By making us pay for the few people who want public transportation is pure redistribution of wealth. As Karl Marx said, "To each according to his needs and from each according to his means." Bottom line, why should I pay for the bus fares low income people living in the Section 8 housing. Isn't it enough that they get a tax payer funded apartment?

Being able to take a bus or shuttle to Montage and the shops in South Marina and to the bus center by the Marina post office would interest me I found, until the route change, MST service to be fast and convenient. Hate to lose it.

East Garrison should NOT be paying for bus service period. If MST wants to serve the community it should only be paid for people who use the service and not as a HOA fee increase. We pay plenty of taxes way more than any community in Monterey county. It's outrageous and was lost in the "fine print" when I purchased my home. I vote no on the fee, tax or whatever you want to call it. No no no.

I hate the fact that I even have to answer this. Please stop MST from trying to be a criminal to this community. I would sooner sell my house than pay additional taxes for a service that I would absolutely NEVER utilize. If you want to help the community, then offer subsidized passes to those who want it. Forcing a strong arm on the community to every resident is a crime. I will not stand for such spoiling of a currently lovely community.

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