

**Kings County Association of Governments  
City of Corcoran Fixed-Route Transit Study  
Corcoran Community Survey Summary**

The Corcoran Community Survey asked respondents about their public transit usage, travel habits, and common destinations. 179 surveys were received from Corcoran residents.

Respondents were asked if they had used public transportation in the 90 days prior to taking the survey. 22 percent of respondents indicated they had. Among those, Corcoran Area Transit (CAT) was the most frequently cited (62 percent), followed by Amtrak (41 percent) and KART (23 percent). The most common reason cited for using public transportation by those who had used it was convenience (49 percent) and lack of access to a car (49 percent). 23 percent also indicated using transit was cheaper than driving. Transit users typically walk (49 percent) or get dropped off (26 percent) to access transit.

Many transit users ride less than once a week (41 percent), though 21 percent ride four or more days per week, and another 21 percent ride two to three days per week. The website is the most preferred method of receiving transit information (31 percent), followed by onboard the bus (23 percent) and text message (21 percent).

Those who had not used public transportation in the 90 days prior to taking the survey were asked to identify the main reason they do not use public transportation. The most common response was a preference for driving their own vehicle (66 percent), followed by needing their car during the day (16 percent). 17 percent of respondents said other people in their household used public transportation. Just 15 percent said they were not aware of Corcoran Area Transit prior to taking the survey.

Respondents were asked to identify changes that would motivate them to begin riding CAT or increase their use of CAT. *More frequent service* was the most frequently cited improvement (33 percent), followed by *better on-time performance* (20 percent), *later operating hours* (17 percent), and *earlier operating hours* and *better service information* (10 percent each). 31 percent said nothing would influence them to begin riding or ride more.

79 percent of respondents cited having ready access to a car or other personal vehicle. 74 percent indicated driving themselves was their primary means of transportation. 77 percent said they would consider using CAT if their primary method of transportation were no longer available.

The typical respondent is between 25 and 61, employed, identifies as Hispanic/Latino, speaks English and/or Spanish at home, and speaks English very well.

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Alpaugh and Waukena Community Survey Summaries**

Residents of Alpaugh and Waukena were surveyed regarding their public transit usage, travel habits, and common destinations. Responses were received from 54 Alpaugh residents and 45 Waukena residents. Both of these communities currently lie outside the Corcoran Area Transit (CAT) service area, but are considered to be within the study area for the Fixed-Route Transit Study. A summary of the survey findings for each community is provided below.

**Alpaugh Survey**

- Respondents were asked if they had used public transportation in the 90 days prior to taking the survey. Two indicated they had. One specified Amtrak while the other specified a private service.
- Transit riders said they ride because they don't have access to a car and to be able to work/relax during the trip.
- Both riders said they get dropped off at the train station.
- Non-riders were asked to identify the main reason for not using public transportation. 37 percent said they did not know how to use it, while 28 percent said they preferred to drive their own vehicle. 13 percent said there is no service available when or where they need to travel.
- Nine percent of respondents said other members of their household use public transportation.
- 30 percent of respondents lack ready access to a personal vehicle.
- The majority of respondents (76 percent) are unaware of transit offerings in Alpaugh.
- 78 percent of respondents drive themselves as their primary mode of transportation, while another 20 percent get a ride from someone. 83 percent would consider using public transportation if their current mode of transportation was no longer available.
- The typical respondent is between 18 and 44, employed, identifies as Hispanic/Latino, speaks English and/or Spanish at home, and speaks English very well.

**Waukena Survey**

- Respondents were asked if they had used public transportation in the 90 days prior to taking the survey. 29 percent indicated they had. Of those riders, 77 percent used CAT, 13 percent used Amtrak, and seven percent used KART.
- Transit riders primarily said they ride because it is convenient (46 percent) or they don't have access to a car (31 percent).
- 46 percent of riders said they walk to catch the bus or train. The others get dropped off (31 percent) or drive themselves (23 percent).
- 69 percent of riders said they ride once a week or less. 54 percent prefer to receive transit information onboard the bus.
- Non-riders were asked to identify the main reason for not using public transportation. 31 percent said they preferred to drive their own vehicle, while 24 percent need their car during the day.
- 27 percent of respondents said other members of their household use public transportation.
- 20 percent of respondents lack ready access to a personal vehicle.
- 82 percent of respondents are aware of transit offerings in Waukena.
- 78 percent of respondents drive themselves as their primary mode of transportation. 93 percent would consider using public transportation if their current mode of transportation was no longer available.
- The typical respondent is over 25, employed, identifies as Hispanic/Latino, speaks English and/or Spanish at home, and speaks English very well.