Lifestyle and Energy Use Survey

The Center for Sustainable Suburban Development at the University of California, Riverside, is conducting a study of urban design and lifestyle impacts on energy consumption in your community. This questionnaire has been developed to collect information about your commuting, shopping, work habits, and their impacts on energy consumption. We understand you are busy and we have intentionally kept this survey brief.

Your responses to this survey are confidential, meaning reports using this survey information will combine all responses and not identify you specifically or single out your answers. You may choose to not answer any specific question, or disregard the survey entirely. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

If you have questions about the survey, please contact Jeff McLaughlin, Center for Sustainable Suburban Development, University of California, Riverside CA, 92521; 951-827-6290. You may also access our website at: http://www.cssd.ucr.edu/newurbanism.htm.

1. In general, when you are making housing decisions, how important is each of these things to you? (Please select one answer for each item.)

   a. Living close to work
      - Very important
      - Somewhat important
      - Not very important
      - Not at all important

   b. Living close to family and friends
      - Very important
      - Somewhat important
      - Not very important
      - Not at all important

   c. Entertainment choices
      - Very important
      - Somewhat important
      - Not very important
      - Not at all important

   d. House floor plan
      - Very important
      - Somewhat important
      - Not very important
      - Not at all important

   e. House price
      - Very important
      - Somewhat important
      - Not very important
      - Not at all important

   f. Parks, playgrounds, or walking paths
      - Very important
      - Somewhat important
      - Not very important
      - Not at all important

   g. Schools
      - Very important
      - Somewhat important
      - Not very important
      - Not at all important

   h. Shopping
      - Very important
      - Somewhat important
      - Not very important
      - Not at all important

2. Which of these would you say are the strongest reasons for moving to your current home? (Please rank your top three reasons by indicating “1,” “2,” or “3” on the line next to your choices.)

   _____ Close to work
   _____ Close to friends and family
   _____ Entertainment or nightlife choices
   _____ House floor plan
   _____ House price
   _____ Parks, playgrounds, or walking paths
   _____ Schools
   _____ Shopping
   _____ Other:

3. Last week, how many car trips from home (either as a driver or passenger) did you make for the following activities:

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Please Turn the Survey Over ▶
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5. Do you ever work from your home? In other words, do you have a home-based business, telecommute, or have a work schedule that allows you to work from home?

- Yes, I work ____ days each week from home
- No, I do not work from home

6. To what extent do you agree or disagree with this statement, "We worry too much about the environment, and not enough about prices and jobs today."

- a. Strongly agree
- b. Agree somewhat
- c. Disagree somewhat
- d. Strongly disagree

7. Based on your experience living in the region, how clean is the air in southern California?

- a. Extremely clean and healthy
- b. Somewhat clean
- c. Somewhat unclean
- d. Extremely unclean and polluted

8. Based on your experience living in the region, how clean is the water in southern California?

- a. Extremely clean and healthy
- b. Somewhat clean
- c. Somewhat unclean
- d. Extremely unclean and polluted

9. Where do you see yourself living 10 years from now?

- In your current home
- In your current neighborhood, but not this home
- In your current city, but in another neighborhood
- Somewhere else

**Background questions**

10. Do you own or rent your home?

- a. Own
- b. Rent

11. How long have you lived in your current home? _______ years

12. What is your age? _______ years

13. What is your gender?

- a. Male
- b. Female

14. Which of the following categories best describes your educational background?

- a. Less than high school
- b. Completed high school
- c. Some college work
- d. College degree
- e. Post-graduate work

15. How many adults and children live in your household?

_______ adults (18 years and older)
_______ children (17 years and younger)

16. How many cars do you own? _______

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Please return your responses using the enclosed business reply envelope. Remember, your responses are confidential and reports using the data will not identify you individually.
Informed Consent Statement

The University of California, Riverside (“University”) is dedicated to informing those persons and families that participate in University sponsored surveys. Your will be asked to fill out a survey form as part of this research, and may be asked for additional information regarding miles traveled by your motor vehicle. You are being asked to participate in this survey because you live in a community that has design features that may impact vehicular usage. This study involves no more than minimal risks (defined as general knowledge that your community is being studied and knowledge that survey forms are being sent to all residences without identifying particular houses, families, or individuals). Statements in this research are considered confidential and cannot be traced back to you unless you voluntarily agree to receive further information. No personal information in this survey will be voluntarily released by the University or disseminated without your separate consent. Data gathered by this research will be maintained in a locked office and password protected computer. Participation in this study is completely voluntary meaning that you may choose to not answer specific questions in the survey, or disregard it altogether. Others may benefit from information gathered by this research by gaining a better understanding of urban design and impacts on automobile usage. Your participation in this survey research is most appreciated!

If you have any questions regarding this research, please contact Jeff McLaughlin of the University’s Center for Sustainable Suburban Development at (951) 827-6290. If you have any questions or comments regarding the conduct of this research or your rights as a research subject, please contact the University’s Institutional Review Board: Monica Wicker at (951) 827-4811 (email: monica.wicker@ucr.edu), Joanne Hsu at (951) 827-4861 (email: joanne.hsu@ucr.edu), or Bill Schmechel at (951) 827-4810 (email: william.schmechel@ucr.edu).