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The following questions are about your experience in the Citizen Deliberation. The questions use a five point scale, with one being a waste of time and five being very valuable. For each question, please circle a number on the scale that best represents your answer. If you are not sure, please circle six (6).

1. On a scale of one (1) to five (5), with one (1) being generally a waste of time and five (5) being very valuable, please rate your overall experience in the Citizen Deliberation.

<b>Waste of time</b>	<b>Neither a waste of time nor valuable</b>	<b>Very valuable</b>	<b>Don't know</b>		
1 .....	2 .....	3 .....	4 .....	5 .....	6

2. How valuable was the briefing document in helping you clarify your positions?

<b>Waste of time</b>	<b>Neither a waste of time nor valuable</b>	<b>Very valuable</b>	<b>Don't know</b>		
1 .....	2 .....	3 .....	4 .....	5 .....	6

3. How valuable were the group discussions in helping you clarify your positions?

<b>Waste of time</b>	<b>Neither a waste of time nor valuable</b>	<b>Very valuable</b>	<b>Don't know</b>		
1 .....	2 .....	3 .....	4 .....	5 .....	6

4. How valuable was the panel in helping you clarify your positions?

<b>Waste of time</b>		<b>Neither a waste of time nor valuable</b>		<b>Very valuable</b>		<b>Don't know</b>
1 .....	2 .....	3 .....	4 .....	5 .....	6 .....	6

**Please tell us how much you agree or disagree with the following statement.**

5. My small group moderator provided the opportunity for everyone to express his or her opinion.

<b>Strongly disagree</b>		<b>Neither agree nor disagree</b>		<b>Strongly agree</b>		<b>Don't know</b>
1 .....	2 .....	3 .....	4 .....	5 .....	6 .....	6

The following are questions about the government. For each question, please circle the number on the scale that best represents your answer. If you are not sure, circle 8.

6. If a one (1) represents the view that the federal government should see to it that every person has a job and a good standard of living and a seven (7) represents the view that the government should just let each person get ahead on their own, where would you place yourself on this scale?

<b>Government involvement</b>						<b>People get ahead on own</b>		<b>Don't know</b>
1 .....	2 .....	3 .....	4 .....	5 .....	6 .....	7 .....	8 .....	8

7. If a one (1) represents the view that the government in Washington ought to reduce income differences between the rich and the poor and a seven (7) represents the view that the government should not concern itself with reducing income differences between the rich and the poor, where would you place yourself on this scale?

<b>Government involvement</b>						<b>Government not involved</b>		<b>Don't know</b>
1 .....	2 .....	3 .....	4 .....	5 .....	6 .....	7 .....	8 .....	8

8. If a one (1) represents the view that the government should provide fewer services, even in areas such as health and education, in order to reduce spending and a seven (7) represents the view that the government should provide many more services, even if it means an increase in spending, where would you place yourself on this scale?

<b>Reduced spending</b>						<b>More services</b>		<b>Don't know</b>
1 .....	2 .....	3 .....	4 .....	5 .....	6 .....	7 .....	8 .....	8

9. If a one (1) represents the view that the government is trying to do too many things that should be left to individuals and businesses and a seven (7) represents the view that the government is not doing enough to solve our country's problems, where would you place yourself on this scale?

<b>Government doing too much</b>		<b>Government not doing enough</b>	<b>Don't know</b>
1 .....	2 .....	3 .....	4 .....
5 .....	6 .....	7 .....	8 .....

10. Some people think the government should promote traditional values in our society. Others think the government should not favor any particular set of values. Which comes closer to your own view? (Please circle one)

- A. Government should promote traditional values
- B. Government should not favor any set of values
- C. No opinion

On a scale from 0 to 10, where 0 is completely unimportant, 10 is extremely important, and 5 is exactly in between, how important do you think each of the following is to being a good citizen? If you have no opinion, please circle 11.

11. Voting in elections

<b>Completely unimportant</b>		<b>Exactly in between</b>		<b>Extremely important</b>	<b>Don't know</b>
0 .....	1 .....	2 .....	3 .....	4 .....	5 .....
6 .....	7 .....	8 .....	9 .....	10 .....	11 .....

12. Discussing politics with others

<b>Completely unimportant</b>		<b>Exactly in between</b>		<b>Extremely important</b>	<b>Don't know</b>
0 .....	1 .....	2 .....	3 .....	4 .....	5 .....
6 .....	7 .....	8 .....	9 .....	10 .....	11 .....

13. Being informed about politics and political issues

<b>Completely unimportant</b>		<b>Exactly in between</b>		<b>Extremely important</b>	<b>Don't know</b>
0 .....	1 .....	2 .....	3 .....	4 .....	5 .....
6 .....	7 .....	8 .....	9 .....	10 .....	11 .....

14. Serving one's country through military or other public service

<b>Completely unimportant</b>	<b>Exactly in between</b>	<b>Extremely important</b>	<b>Don't know</b>								
0 .....	1 .....	2 .....	3 .....	4 .....	5 .....	6 .....	7 .....	8 .....	9 .....	10 .....	11

15. Actively participating as a member of a civic, political or community organization

<b>Completely unimportant</b>	<b>Exactly in between</b>	<b>Extremely important</b>	<b>Don't know</b>								
0 .....	1 .....	2 .....	3 .....	4 .....	5 .....	6 .....	7 .....	8 .....	9 .....	10 .....	11

16. How much influence do you think someone like you can have over local government decisions?  
(Please circle one)

- A. A lot
- B. Some
- C. Very little
- D. None at all

17. In general, do you think of yourself as...? (Please circle one)

- A. Very liberal
- B. Liberal
- C. Somewhat liberal
- D. Moderate, middle of the road
- E. Somewhat conservative
- F. Conservative
- G. Very conservative
- H. Haven't thought much about it

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**Please circle one answer for the following question.**

1. The most important goal of transportation spending should be...
  - A. To improve economic development
  - B. To get workers to jobs
  - C. To reduce traffic congestion
  - D. Other (please explain) \_\_\_\_\_
  - E. I haven't thought much about this

**Using a scale of 1 to 5, where 1 stands for strongly agree and 5 stands for strongly disagree, please tell us how much you agree or disagree with the following statement. If you are unsure, please circle 6.**

2. Any new funding for transportation in the metro area should be used only to improve streets and roads, instead of more public transportation.

**Strongly  
agree**

**Strongly  
disagree**

**Not  
sure**

1 ..... 2 ..... 3 ..... 4 ..... 5 ..... 6

3. Would you support paying somewhat more in city/county sales tax to pay for a fast, reliable regional bus system?
  - a. No, I would not be willing to pay more
  - b. Yes, up to \$15 per year
  - c. Yes, up to \$25 per year
  - d. Yes, up to \$40 per year
  - e. Yes, up to \$50 per year
  - f. Yes, up to \$75 per year
  - g. Not sure
  
4. Would you support paying somewhat more in city/county sales tax to pay for a regional light rail system?
  - A. No, I would not be willing to pay more
  - B. Yes, up to \$15 per year
  - C. Yes, up to \$25 per year
  - D. Yes, up to \$40 per year
  - E. Yes, up to \$50 per year
  - F. Yes, up to \$75 per year
  - G. Not sure
  
5. In considering public transportation, please tell us which **one** factor is most important to you. Please only circle the ONE you believe is most important.
  - A. The time it takes to reach my destination.
  - B. How reliable it is in getting me where I need to go, and on time.
  - C. My sense of personal safety.
  - D. My sense that other people like me use this form of public transportation.
  - E. The cost.
  - F. Helping air quality in the local environment.
  - G. Avoiding the stress of driving and being able to do something else with the time, like read or listen to music.

6. Which is the second most important? (Please only circle one)

- A. The time it takes to reach my destination.
- B. How reliable it is in getting me where I need to go, and on time.
- C. My sense of personal safety.
- D. My sense that other people like me use this form of public transportation.
- E. The cost.
- F. Helping air quality in the local environment.
- G. Avoiding the stress of driving and being able to do something else with the time, like read or listen to music.

7. Metro Kansas City is very spread out and has low population density. Higher density would make it easier to operate public transit like light rail and buses. Using the scale below, where 1 stands for strongly support and 5 stands for strongly oppose, please tell us how you would feel about requiring that new developments be higher density?

**Strongly  
support**

**Strongly  
oppose**

1 ..... 2 ..... 3 ..... 4 ..... 5

8. Please tell us how much you agree or disagree with the following statement. People who choose to live in the suburbs shouldn't expect to have access to public transportation. Please use the scale below where 1 stands for strongly agree and 5 stands for strongly disagree.

**Strongly  
agree**

**Strongly  
disagree**

1 ..... 2 ..... 3 ..... 4 ..... 5

**Please circle one answer for each of the following questions.**

9. I have lost or had to quit a job because of problems with transportation.

- A. Agree
- B. Disagree
- C. Not applicable

10. Please circle the number of miles you drive to get to work each day (just one-way, not round trip).

- A. 0 miles (I work at home or am retired)
- B. 1-5 miles
- C. 6-10 miles
- D. 11-20 miles
- E. 21-30 miles
- F. More than 30 miles

11. When I think about the safety of the roads and bridges in my state, I am...

- A. Very worried. They don't seem safe at all.
- B. Fairly worried. We have some trouble spots.
- C. Fairly confident. I think most problems have been handled.
- D. Very confident. The roads and bridges are very safe.

12. Gas prices have risen sharply in the last year. Have you changed your transportation modes or habits in any way because of higher gas prices?

- A. Yes
- B. No

13. If you answered "yes" to question 12 above, in what ways have you changed your transportation modes or habits because of higher gas prices?

- A. Use the bus for some trips
- B. Combine trips
- C. Car pool or share rides with others
- D. Ride my bike
- E. Walk
- F. Eliminate some trips
- G. Bought a more fuel-efficient vehicle
- H. Other

14. If gas prices return to \$3 a gallon and remain that high for the next year, do you think you will change your transportation mode or habits in any way?

- A. Yes
- B. No

15. If you answered “no” to question 14 above, what price would gasoline have to rise to for you to consider other transportation options?

- A. \$4.00 / gallon
- B. \$5.00 / gallon
- C. \$6.00 / gallon
- D. I would never give up my car

16. I think that the cities and counties in the region should pool their money to pay for a regional public transportation system. Please use the scale below where 1 stands for strongly agree and 5 stands for strongly disagree.

**Strongly  
agree**

**Strongly  
disagree**

1 ..... 2 ..... 3 ..... 4 ..... 5

17. Using the same scale, how much do you agree or disagree with the statement: I think that we should have a regional public transportation plan, but not pool our funds. Each city and county should pay its own way.

**Strongly  
agree**

**Strongly  
disagree**

1 ..... 2 ..... 3 ..... 4 ..... 5

18. If Kansas City built a light-rail system that ran from Swope Park through downtown and up to KCI Airport, would you use it?

- A. Yes, I would ride it several times a week.
- B. Yes, I would ride it once or twice a month.
- C. Yes, I would ride it a few times a year.
- D. No, I would never use it.

19. If Kansas City built a light-rail system that ran from the Plaza and connected major points of interest through downtown into the River Market, would you use it?

- A. Yes, I would ride it several times a week.
- B. Yes, I would ride it once or twice a month.
- C. Yes, I would ride it a few times a year.
- D. No, I would never use it.