

# 2019 Car Free Day Survey Highlights

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## Survey Methodology

- Internet survey of Sept 2019 Car Free Day participants
  - First-time survey has been conducted
  - Survey conducted in November 2019
  - Delivered 4,731 invitations, received 1,022 responses,
     21.6% response rate
- Collect data for analysis of CFD component of Mass Marketing TDM
  - Pledged use and actual use of car-free/car-lite (CF-CL) options
  - Use of CF-CL options for work travel during CFD, with comparison to usual commute mode
  - Frequency of CF-CL modes for commute before/after CFD
  - Change in CF-CL use for non-work travel



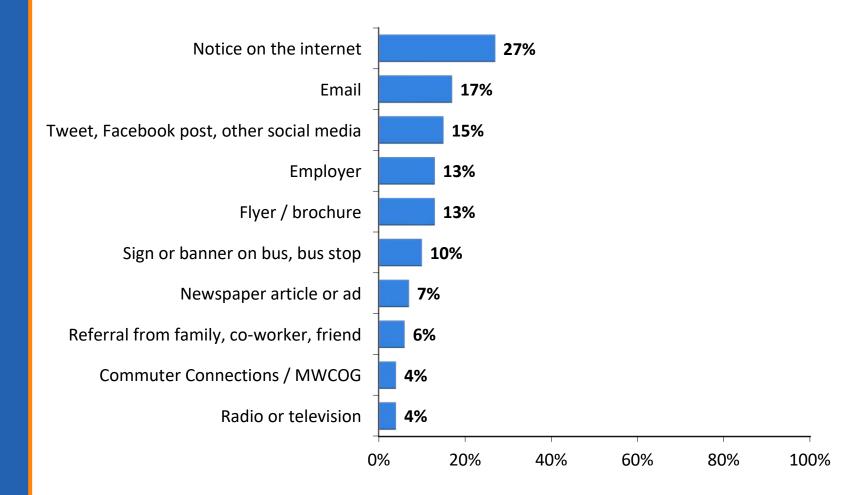


#### <u>Demographics – CFD Participant vs Regional Worker</u>

- Employment status 97% of participants were employed.
  - Overwhelmingly White 72% vs 43% regionally
  - Similar female/male split 45% male vs 48% regionally
    - Slightly older 47% were 45+ years vs 42% regionally
- Slightly lower HH income 55% \$100,000+ vs 61% regionally

## 2019 was First CFD for 36% of Respondents

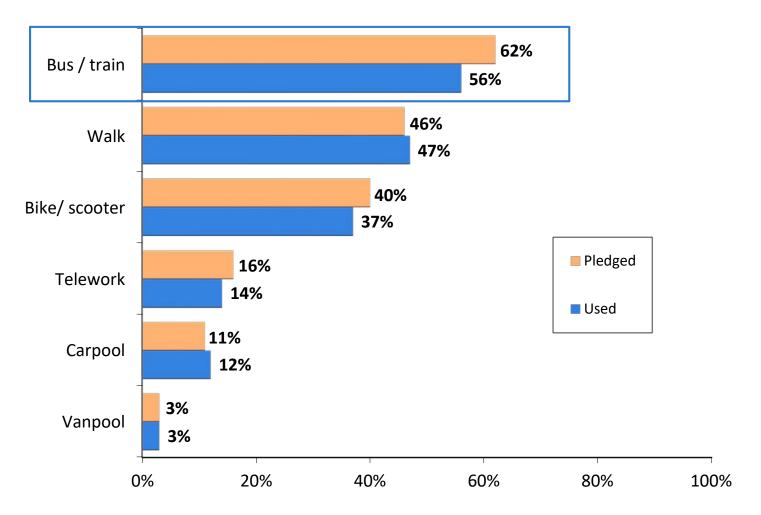
Most participants heard about CFD through digital sources: Internet (27%), email (17%), and social media (15%).



- Q1 How did you hear about CFD 2019?
- Q2 Was 2019 the first year you participated in Car Free Day or did you also participate in a previous CFD event?

# 98% of Respondents Used CF-CL Options During CFD

Transit use was slightly less than pledged, but options <u>used</u> were generally in line with options <u>pledged</u>



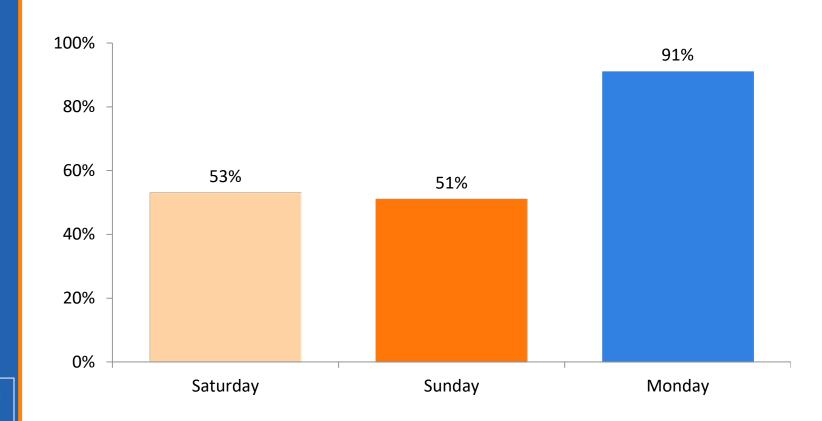
Q3 Which travel options did you pledge for CFD?

Q4 Which travel options did you use during CFD?



# CFD 2019 Spanned Three Days — Sat-Mon; 91% of Respondents Used a CF-CL Option on Monday; About Half Used CF-CL on Sat/Sun

86% of respondents used CF-CL options for a work trip



Days using CF/CL n = 1,002

Used CF/CL for work trip n = 982

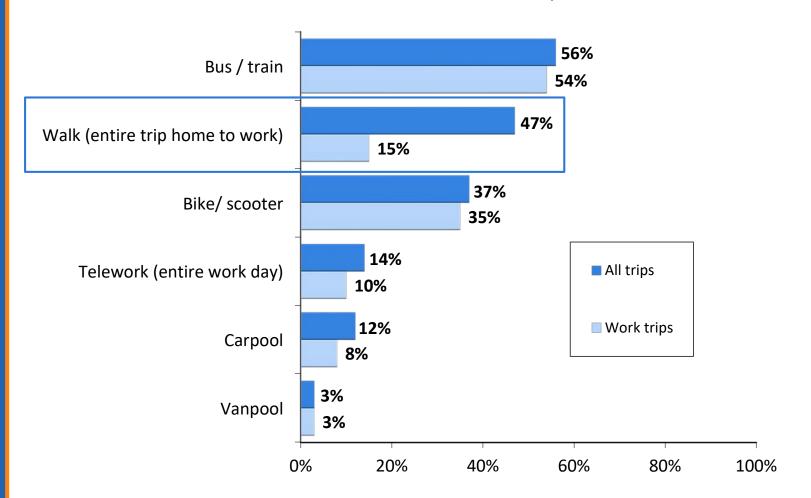
Q5 Which of those days did you use a car-free/car-lite travel option?

Q6 On any of those days, did you use a car-free/car-lite travel option to get to or from work?



# CF-CL Options Used for Work Trips Were Similar to Options Used Overall, With One Exception – Walk

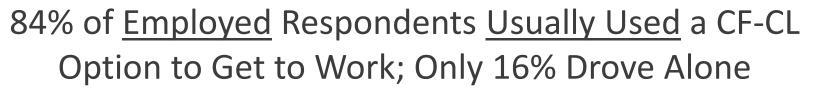
Nearly half (47%) of respondents made a walk trip during CFD, but only 15% walked for a work trip



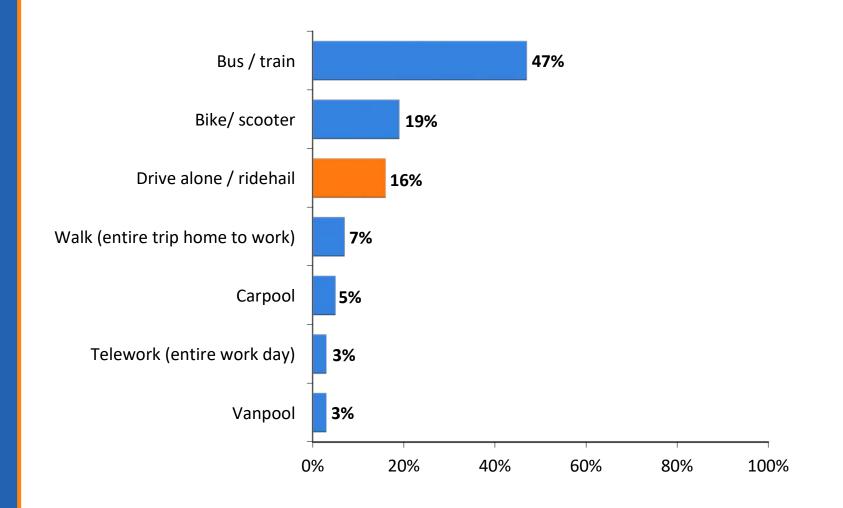
Q4 Which travel options did you use during CFD?

Q7 During CFD, which of the following travel options did you use to get to or from work?





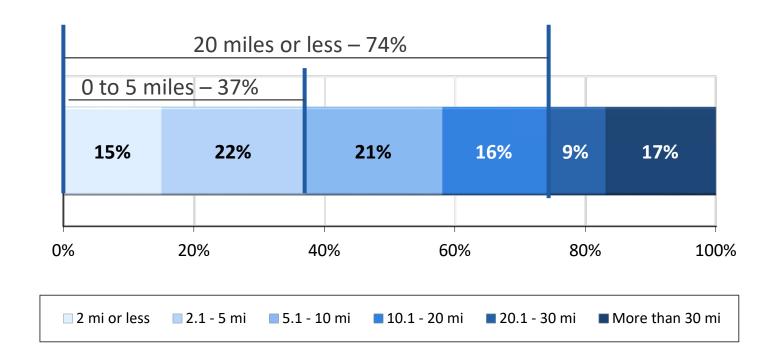
Transit (47%) and bike/scooter (19%) were most common CF-CL options.





# Respondents Traveled an Average of <a href="14.9">14.9 Miles</a> to Work, Slightly Less than the Regional Average Commute Distance (17.1 miles)

37% lived within 5 miles of work and 74% lived within 20 miles.



Average regional distance
17.1 miles

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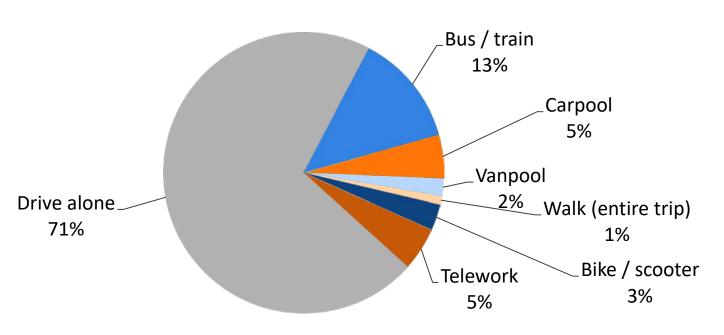


# 16% of Respondents Who Used CF-CL for Work Trip During CFD Used a <u>Different</u> Mode than Usual

71% of respondents who <u>changed their commute mode</u> on CFD would most likely have driven alone to work that day

#### **Most Likely Other Commute Mode**

(Respondents who changed mode on CFD)



Usual mode or different mode n = 806

Respondents changed mode n = 132

Q8 Were the travel options you just indicated the ones you usually used to get to/from work before CFD?

Q9 If you had not made this travel change for CFD, what travel option would you most likely have used that day to get to/from work?



# Average Frequency of CF-CL Use for Work Trips Rose 0.1 Days per Week From Before CFD (3.8 days/week) to After CFD (3.9 days/week)

Respondents changed frequency

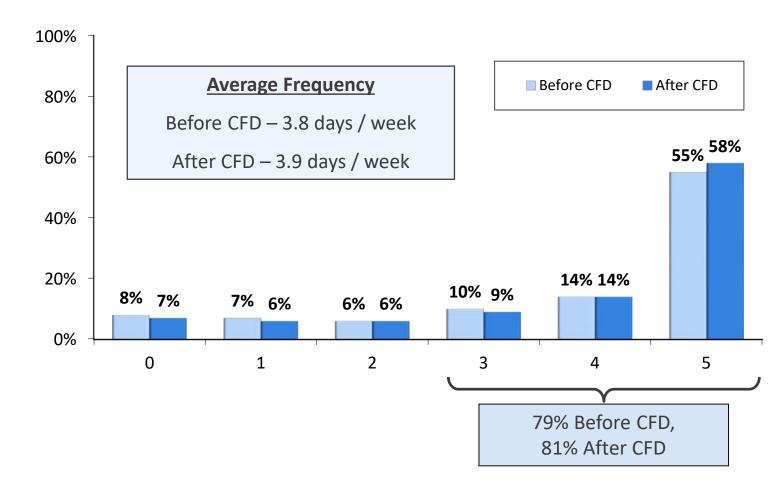
Increase: 11%

No change: 86%

Decrease: 3%

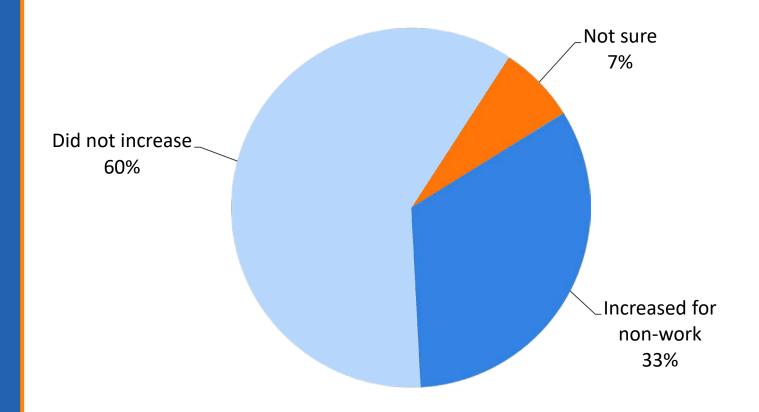
Before CFD n = 901

After CFD n = 901



Q13 Thinking about a typical week now, how many days per week do you use any CF-CL travel option to get to/from work? Q14 In a typical week before CFD, how many days per week did you use any CF-CL travel option to get to/from work?





### **Questions?**

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