

2022 Guaranteed Ride Home Survey – Overview of Method

Overview

- Seven previous GRH surveys (2001, 2004, 2007, 2010, 2013, 2016, 2019)
- Primary objective is to assess impact of GRH program:
 - GRH influence to shift from drive alone to alternative mode
 - GRH influence to increase use of alternative mode
- Basic question pattern:
 - Define travel pattern during GRH enrollment and travel pattern before GRH
 - **NEW** – add a few questions to address coronavirus pandemic impact on travel
 - Compare travel during GRH to travel before GRH – determine change, if any
 - Determine role of GRH in influencing/supporting travel change (likelihood to make change)
 - Identify source of GRH information and CC services used in addition to GRH
 - Examine use of and satisfaction with GRH trips
 - Demographics
- Two surveys – one for Washington metro region and a second for Baltimore metro region
 - Surveys will be conducted simultaneously and questionnaires will be the same, except for minor modifications to reflect different modes available in the two regions
 - Analyze survey data separately and prepare separate reports
- Survey current/OTE and past registrants eligible for GRH between March 16, 2019 and March 15, 2022
- Offer drawing for several \$50 gift cards to increase response rate

Sample Sizes (consistent with 2019 survey)

- Washington region – Approx. 2,000 (based on estimate of 21,000 total registrants)
- Baltimore region – Approx. 250 (based on estimate of 1,250 total registrants)

Interview Method

- Combination of Internet and telephone, depending on the contact information in database and GRH registration status:
 - Current registrants with email address in GRH database:
 - Registrants will receive emailed invitation, with link to an online survey. Telephone follow-up will be used, if needed, to complete the quota for this sample group.
 - Current registrants with no email contact in GRH database (phone only):
 - Registrants will receive postal mail alert letter. The letter will provide the link to the online survey. Registrants who do not complete online survey will be called to complete the survey by telephone.
 - Past registrants:
 - Registrants will receive alert letter through email or postal mail. They will then be called to complete the survey by telephone, since they do not have current GRH accounts.

Schedule

- Questionnaire preparation – Oct 2021–Feb 2022; includes additional time for coordination with CC online vendor for CC account survey version
- Sample preparation – Feb – Mar 2022
- Data collection – April 2022
- Draft report – June 30, 2022

GRH 2022 Survey - Question Patterns

Basic approach –

- Compare weekly travel pattern during GRH enrollment to travel pattern before GRH
- Determine role of GRH in influencing / supporting travel change
- Assess use of and satisfaction with GRH trips

Part 1 – Assess GRH status – current, past, one-time exception (OTE) (Q1-Q6)

Part 2 – Define CURRENT travel pattern – telework, other modes, distance, etc. (Q8-Q20)

Part 3 – Define DURING travel – travel during GRH

Current registrants – during travel = current travel

OTE – during travel = current travel

Past registrants – need to ask additional questions – Q21, Q23

Part 4 – Define PRE-GRH travel – travel before registering / hearing about GRH

Current registrants and Past registrants – travel before registering – Q27, Q29

OTE – travel before hearing about GRH – Q24, Q26

Part 5 – Compare DURING travel to PRE-GRH travel – define one of four cases:

- Shifted from driving alone to alt mode
- Used alt modes before, increased alt mode use
- Used alt modes before, continued alt mode use (no change)
- Reduced or stopped alt modes

Part 6 – Ask three questions of alt mode users who started, increased, or continued alt modes:

- Importance of GRH to decision to start, increase, or continue alt modes
- Likelihood to make the change if GRH were not available
- Other services / factors important to decision (Q44a – Q48)

Note slight wording differences by registration status (Current, Past, OTE)

- Started alt mode – previously drove alone all the time (2 questions from Q30 – Q34)
- Increased alt mode (2 questions from Q35 – Q39)
- Continued alt mode (2 questions from Q40 – Q44)

Part 7 – Ask about referral sources to GRH / GRH ad recall (Q49 – Q53)

Part 8 – Ask about use / satisfaction with GRH trip and improvements to program (Q54 – Q59b)

Part 9 – Demographics (Q60 – Q64)

MWCOG 2019 Guaranteed Ride Home Survey - Internet Version
Washington Version
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INTRODUCTION

Commuter Connections is conducting this online survey of commuters who have registered for or participated in Commuter Connections' Regional Guaranteed Ride Home (GRH) program. Your answers will be confidential. It will take about ___ minutes. Please complete the survey and click on the "SUBMIT" button at the end.

Commuter Connections is offering a drawing for ten \$50 Amazon gift cards for commuters who complete the survey. If you would like to participate in the drawing, please provide your name and email address at the end of the survey.

Thank you for your participation.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Define registration status – **Current**, **Past**, **One-time Exception** (OTE)

Q1. In what year did you first register for Commuter Connections' GRH program?

If respondent does not recall registering, ASK Q1a

Q1a Do you recall that you did register for the GRH program at some time?

Q2 Are you currently registered for Commuter Connections' GRH program?

Q3 Have you ever taken a GRH trip provided by Commuter Connections' GRH program?

If OTE respondent did not register after taking GRH trip, ASK Q3a

Q3a For what reason did you not register for the GRH program after you took this one-time GRH trip?

If respondent has never registered and does not recall making a GRH trip, THANK AND TERMINATE

If respondent is currently or previously registered and/or has taken a GRH trip, CONTINUE

If respondent is a Past Registrant, ASK Q4 – Q5

Q4 How long were you registered in the GRH program?

Q5 Why did you not re-register when your registration expired?

Q6 Did you participate in another GRH program before registering for Commuter Connections' GRH program?

If respondent participated in another GRH program, ASK Q7

Q7 Who offered/sponsored that program?

CURRENT COMMUTE PATTERNS (Asked of all respondents)

Q8 Next, think about your travel to work. First, in a TYPICAL week, how many weekdays (Monday-Friday) are you assigned to work? (0 – 5)

Q10 Which of the following best represents your work schedule? (Full-time/5-day week, Part-time, 4/40, 9/80, 3/36, other)

Q10a Do you currently work from home some or all of your workdays? You might refer to this as telecommuting or teleworking. For purposes of this survey, “telecommuters” are defined as “wage and salary employees who at least occasionally work at home or at a telework, satellite, or co-working center during **an entire work day**, instead of traveling to their regular work place.” Based on this definition, do you telecommute some or all of your workdays at the PRESENT TIME?

If respondent teleworks some workdays, ASK Q10b (Respondents who TW full-time will be Autocoded)

Q10b How often do you usually telecommute or work from home now? Please include only days you work from home for a full day on a regular workday.

Q10c How often did you usually telecommute or work from home two years ago, in February 2020, before the coronavirus pandemic began?

Q11 In a typical week, how often are you away from your usual work location **for an entire day** for business / work travel (e.g., meetings/ visits to clients or customers)?

Q14 Thinking about a TYPICAL week, how do you get to work, Monday through Friday? In the table below, enter the number of weekdays you typically use each of the listed types of transportation. If you use more than one type on a single day (e.g., walk to the bus stop, then ride the bus), count only the type you use for the **longest distance part** of your trip.

Indicate also how many weekdays (if any) you telecommute/work from home, or have a regular day off or compressed work schedule day off.

Type of Transportation	Number of Days Used (0 to 5)
Days you travel to your usual work location	
3 Drive alone in a car, truck, van, or SUV	
4 Motorcycle	
5 Carpool, including carpool w/family member, dropped off (ride or drive with others in a car, truck, van, or SUV)	
6 Casual carpool (slugging)	
7 Vanpool	
8-N/A Not used	
9 Bus (public or private bus, shuttle, buspool, commuter bus, express bus)	
10 Metrorail	
11 MARC (MD Commuter Rail)	
12 VRE	
13 AMTRAK / other train	
14 Bicycle/e-scooter (entire trip or longest distance part of trip from home to work)	
15 Walk (entire trip from home to work)	
16 Taxi	
18 Uber, Lyft, Via	
21 Other (describe) _____	
Days you do not travel to your usual work location	
1 Compressed work schedule day off	
2 Telecommute/telework all day	
17 Regular day off	

If respondent currently uses carpool or vanpool, ASK Q14a

Q14a Including yourself, how many people usually ride in your <carpool or vanpool>?

If respondent reports full-time telework, ASK Q14b

Q14b You said you currently telecommute/telework all of your workdays. Do you occasionally use any of the following types of transportation to get to work? Select all that apply. (Carpool, vanpool, bus/train, bike/walk).

If respondent is not full-time telework and does not report any current alt modes, ASK Q14c

Q14c You said you typically drive alone all the days that you travel to work. Do you occasionally use any of the following types of transportation to get to work? (carpool, casual carpool, vanpool, bus, train, bike, walk)

If respondent travels to an outside work location any days (e.g., not full-time telework), ASK Q15 – Q16a

Q15 About how many miles do you usually travel from home to work one way?

Q16 And about how many minutes does it take you to get to work?

Q16a At what time do you typically arrive at work?

If respondent uses a carpool, vanpool, bus, or train 2 or more days per week, ASK Q16b

16b CP/VP - What Interstate highways or major U.S. or state routes do you use on your trip to work?
Transit riders - If you were to drive to work, what Interstate highways or major U.S. or state routes would you use?

If respondent currently uses any alternative mode to get to work, ASK Q17

Q17 About how long have you been using < CMCA: carpool, vanpool, bus, train, bicycle, walk > for your trip to work?

If respondent currently uses carpool, vanpool, bus or train, ASK Q19-Q20

Q19 How do you get from home to where you meet your <Q17MODE: carpool, vanpool, bus, train>?

Q20 How many miles is it one way from your home to where you meet your < Q17MODE: carpool, vanpool, bus, train >?

MODE DURING GRH (Past Registrants ONLY)

Note – Current mode = Mode during GRH for Current Registrants and OTE

If respondent is a Past Registrant, ASK Q21, Q23

Q21 Next, think back to the time that you were <registered, eligible> for the GRH program. During that time, how many days, Monday – Friday, were you assigned to work in a typical week?

Q23 And while you were <registered, eligible> for GRH, how did you get to work? Enter the number of days, Monday through Friday, that you typically used each of the listed types of transportation. If you used more than one type on a single day (e.g., walked to the bus stop, then rode the bus), count only the type you used for the **longest distance part** of your trip. Indicate also how many weekdays (if any) you telecommuted/worked from home, or had a regular day off or compressed work schedule day off.

MODE BEFORE HEARD ABOUT GRH (OTE only)

*If respondent is a **One-Time Exception**, ASK Q24, Q26*

- Q24 Think back to the time before you heard about the GRH program. At that time, how many days Monday – Friday were you assigned to work in a typical week?
- Q26 And before you heard about GRH, how did you get to work? Enter the number of days, Monday through Friday, that you typically used each of the listed types of transportation. If you used more than one type on a single day (e.g., walked to the bus stop, then rode the bus), count only the type you used for the **longest distance part** of your trip. Indicate also how many weekdays (if any) you telecommuted/worked from home, or had a regular day off or compressed work schedule day off.

MODE BEFORE REGISTERED FOR GRH (Current Registrants, Past Registrants)

*If respondent is a **Current Registrant OR Past Registrant**, ASK Q27, Q29*

- Q27 Now, please think back to the time before you registered for the GRH program. At that time, how many days, Monday - Friday were you assigned to work in a typical week?
- Q29 And before you registered for GRH, how did you get to work? Enter the number of days, Monday through Friday, that you typically used each of the listed types of transportation. If you used more than one type on a single day (e.g., walked to the bus stop, then rode the bus), count only the type you used for the **longest distance part** of your trip. Indicate also how many weekdays (if any) you telecommuted/worked from home, or had a regular day off or compressed work schedule day off.

GRH INFLUENCE IN STARTING, CONTINUING, OR INCREASING USE OF ALTERNATIVE MODES

Two questions asked of respondents who use / used alt modes while in GRH

- Ask about the importance of GRH in their decision to start, increase, or continue alt mode use
- Ask about the likelihood of starting, increasing, or continuing alt mode use if GRH wasn't available

Note slight wording differences by registration status (Current, Past, OTE)

Started alt mode – previously drove alone all the time (Q30 – Q34)

- **Current registrants** who previously DA all the time – Q30 and Q33, THEN SKIP TO Q44a (Other services used)
- **Past registrants** who previous DA all the time – Q31 and Q34, THEN SKIP TO Q44a (Other services used)
- **OTE** who previous DA all the time – Q32 and Q33, THEN SKIP TO Q44a (Other services used)

Increased alt mode (Q35 – Q39)

- **Current registrants** who increased alt mode – Q35 and Q38, THEN SKIP TO Q44a (Other services used)
- **Past registrants** who increased alt mode – Q36 and Q39, THEN SKIP TO Q44a (Other services used)
- **OTE** who increased alt mode – Q37 and Q38, THEN SKIP TO Q44a (Other services used)

Continued alt mode (Q40 – Q44)

- **Current registrants** who continued alt mode – Q40 and Q43, THEN SKIP TO Q44a (Other services used)
- **Past registrants** who continued alt mode – Q41 and Q43, THEN SKIP TO Q44a (Other services used)
- **OTE** who continued alt mode – Q42 and Q44, THEN SKIP TO Q44a (Other services used)

START ALT MODE / SHIFT FROM DRIVING ALONE – GRH IMPORTANCE (Current, Past, OTE)

If respondent is a Current Registrant who always DA before GRH, ASK Q30, THEN SKIP TO Q33

Q30 You said that you regularly drove alone before you registered for GRH. How important was the availability of GRH to your decision to start <CMCA - carpooling, vanpooling, using transit, biking, or walking (FROM Q14)>? (Very important, somewhat important, not at all important)

If respondent is a Past Registrant who always DA before GRH, ASK Q31, THEN SKIP TO Q34

Q31 You said that you regularly drove alone before you registered for GRH. How important was the availability of GRH to your decision to start <DMCA - carpooling, vanpooling, using transit, biking, or walking (FROM Q23)>? (Very important, somewhat important, not at all important)

If respondent is a One-Time Exception who always DA before GRH, ASK Q32, THEN ASK Q33

Q32 You said that you regularly drove alone before you heard about GRH. How important was the availability of GRH to your decision to start <CMCA - carpooling, vanpooling, using transit, biking, or walking (FROM Q14)>? (Very important, somewhat important, not at all important)

START ALT MODE / SHIFT FROM DRIVING ALONE – LIKELY TO SHIFT WITHOUT GRH (Current, Past, OTE)

If respondent is a Current Registrant or One-Time Exception who always DA before GRH, ASK Q33, THEN SKIP TO Q45

Q33 If GRH had not been available, how likely would you have been to start <CMCA - carpooling, vanpooling, using transit, biking, or walking (FROM Q14)>? (Very likely, somewhat likely, not at all likely)

If respondent is a Past Registrant who always DA before GRH, ASK Q34, THEN SKIP TO Q46

Q34 If GRH had not been available, how likely would you have been to start <DMCA - carpooling, vanpooling, using transit, biking, or walking (FROM Q23)>? (Very likely, somewhat likely, not at all likely)

INCREASED ALT MODE USE SINCE GRH – GRH IMPORTANCE (Current, Past, OTE)

If respondent is a Current Registrant who increased alt modes with GRH, ASK Q35, THEN SKIP TO Q38

Q35 You said that since you registered for GRH, you've increased the number of days per week that you use types of transportation OTHER than driving alone for your trip to work. How important was GRH to your decision to make this change? (Very important, somewhat important, not at all important)

If respondent is a Past Registrant who increased alt modes with GRH, ASK Q36, THEN SKIP TO Q39,

Q36 You said that while you were registered for GRH, you increased the number of days per week that you used types of transportation OTHER than driving alone for your trip to work. How important was GRH to your decision to make this change? (Very important, somewhat important, not at all important)

If respondent is a One-Time Exception who increased alt modes with GRH, ASK Q37, THEN SKIP TO Q38

Q37 You said that since you heard about GRH, you've increased the number of days per week that you use types of transportation OTHER than driving alone for your trip to work. How important was GRH to your decision to make this change? (Very important, somewhat important, not at all important)

INCREASED ALT MODE USE SINCE GRH – LIKELY TO MAKE CHANGE WITHOUT GRH (Current, Past, OTE)

If respondent is a Current Registrant or One-time Exception who increased alt modes with GRH, ASK Q38, THEN SKIP TO Q45

Q38 If GRH had not been available, how likely would you have been to make this change? (Very likely, somewhat likely, not at all likely)

If respondent is a Past Registrant who increased alt modes with GRH, ASK Q39, THEN SKIP TO Q46

Q39 If GRH had not been available, how likely would you have been to make this change? (Very likely, somewhat likely, not at all likely)

CONTINUED ALT MODE USE SINCE GRH (NO CHANGE) – GRH IMPORTANCE (Current, Past, OTE)

If respondent is a Current Registrant who continued alt modes with GRH, ASK Q40, THEN SKIP TO Q43

Q40 You said that you were <BRMCA - carpooling, vanpooling, using transit, biking, or walking (FROM Q29)> before you registered for GRH. How important was the availability of GRH to your decision to continue using a type of transportation other than driving alone? (Very important, somewhat important, not at all important)

If respondent is a Past Registrant who continued alt modes with GRH, ASK Q41, THEN SKIP TO Q43

Q41 You said that you were <BRMCA - carpooling, vanpooling, using transit, biking, or walking (FROM Q29)> before you registered for GRH. How important was the availability of GRH to your decision to continue using a type of transportation other than driving alone? (Very important, somewhat important, not at all important)

If respondent is a One-Time Exception who continued alt modes with GRH, ASK Q42, THEN SKIP TO Q44

Q42 You said that you were <BHMCA - carpooling, vanpooling, using transit, biking, or walking (FROM Q26)> before you heard about GRH. How important was the availability of GRH to your decision to continue using a type of transportation other than driving alone? (Very important, somewhat important, not at all important)

CONTINUED ALT MODE SINCE GRH (NO CHANGE) – LIKELY TO CONTINUE WITHOUT GRH (Current, Past, OTE)

If respondent is a Current Registrant or Past Registrant who continued alt modes with GRH, ASK Q43, THEN SKIP TO Q45

Q43 If GRH had not been available, how likely would you have been to continue? (Very likely, somewhat likely, not at all likely)

If respondent is a One-Time Exceptions who continued alt modes with GRH, ASK Q44, THEN SKIP TO Q45

Q44 If GRH had not been available, how likely would you have been to continue? (Very likely, somewhat likely, not at all likely)

OTHER COMMUTER CONNECTIONS SERVICES THAT COULD HAVE INFLUENCED DECISIONS (Current, Past, OTE)

Q44a Do you recall receiving or accessing any of the following commute information or assistance services from Commuter Connections, in addition to GRH?

- 1 Names of people you could contact to form a carpool or vanpool (matchlist)
- 2 Map showing home and work locations of people you could contact to form a carpool or vanpool
- 3 Other carpool / vanpool information
- 4 HOV lane, Express lane information
- 5 'Pool Rewards carpool/vanpool financial incentive
- 6 Transit schedule / route / fare information
- 7 Park & Ride lot information
- 8 Telework information, telework center information, co-working center
- 9 Bicycling information, online bicycle route planning
- 10 Special events information (e.g., Bike to Work Day, Car Free Day)
- 11 CarpoolNow mobile application (real-time ridematching)
- 12 incenTrip trip tracking/points application
- 13 Flextime Rewards incentive program
- 90 Did not receive or access any of these services

If respondent is a Current Registrant or One-time Exception and received other CC service in addition to GRH, ASK Q44b

Q44b Was any of the information or assistance that you received from Commuter Connections more important than GRH to your decision to <CMCA - carpool, vanpool, use transit, bike, or walk (FROM Q14)>?

If respondent is a Past Registrant and received other CC service in addition to GRH, ASK Q44c

Q44c Was any of the information or assistance that you received from Commuter Connections more important than GRH to your decision to <DMCA - carpool, vanpool, use transit, bike, or walk (FROM Q23)>?

OTHER SERVICES OR FACTORS THAT COULD HAVE INFLUENCED DECISIONS (Current, Past, OTE)

If respondent is a Current Registrant or One-time Exception, ASK Q45

Q45 Did you receive any other commute assistance or benefits, from any source, that influenced your decision to <CMCA - carpool, vanpool, use transit, bike, or walk (FROM Q14)>?

If respondent is a Past Registrant, ASK Q46

Q46 Did you receive any other commute assistance or benefits, from any source, that influenced your decision to <DMCA - carpool, vanpool, use transit, bike, or walk (FROM Q23)>?

If respondent received any other assistance or benefit, ASK Q46a

Q46a What was that assistance or benefit?

Q47a Were any other factors or circumstances important to your decision?

If any other factors were important to decision, ASK Q48

Q48 What other factors or circumstances were important to your decision?

REFERRAL SOURCES FOR GRH, GRH ADVERTISING RECALL

Q49 How did you hear about the GRH Program?

Q50 Have you heard, seen, or read any advertising about GRH?

If heard, saw, read GRH advertising, ASK Q52 – Q53

Q52 Had you registered for GRH before you saw or heard this advertising?

If had not registered for GRH before GRH advertising, ASK Q53

Q53 Did the advertising encourage you to seek information about GRH or to register for GRH?

USE OF GRH

Q54 Have you taken a GRH trip since you registered for GRH?

If respondent took GRH trip, ASK Q55 – Q58

Q55 For what reason did you take the trip? If you have taken more than one trip, report about the most recent trip.

Q56 Was the service satisfactory?

If service was not satisfactory, ASK Q57

Q57 Why was it not satisfactory?

Q58 About how long did you wait for the taxi to arrive?

Q59 In what ways could Commuter Connections improve the GRH program?

SOCIAL MEDIA, TRAVEL APPS

105 With which of the following social networking applications do you currently have an account? (Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Instagram, Snapchat, Nextdoor, None of these)

105a Which of the following types of travel or trip applications have you used? (Traffic alerts, Ridehailing apps, Wayfinding apps, Trip/fitness tracking apps, transit schedule arrival mobile apps, transit information display, bikeshare/dockless bike service app, e-scooter service app, carshare service apps, other, none of these)

DEMOGRAPHICS

Now just a few last questions to help us group your answers with those of others.

Q60 Which of the following groups includes your age?

Q61 Do you consider yourself to be Latino, Hispanic, or Spanish?

Q62 Which one of the following best describes your racial background.

Q63 Finally, please indicate the category that best represents your household's total annual income.

Q64 What is your gender? (Female, male, other)

Q65 Commuter Connections is offering a drawing for ten \$50 Amazon gift cards. If you would like to participate in the drawing for one of these gift cards, please provide your name and email address. Please be assured that we will not sell or use your information for anything other than entering you in the drawing. Would you like to participate in the drawing?

Q66 Please provide your name and email address so we can contact you if you are one of the 10 winners.

Thank you for taking the time to fill out our survey. Your input is very important to us!

The final submit button will take respondents to Commuter Connections home page.