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17 Days Left to Make Your Mark: WWW.TransitSurvey.org (Take the Public Transit Survey)

June 30, 2011, is the last day to participate in a survey being conducted for the Okaloosa County Board of County Commissioners by the Center for Urban Transportation Research. Over 600 surveys have been received; however, Okaloosa County Transit (OCT) is encouraging citizens who ride the bus or not, to take a few minutes of their time and take the survey. The survey allows residents to voice their opinions, priorities and concerns about public transportation, and will help guide the 10-year Transportation Development Plan.

Below is information some current respondents:

- The most important issues facing Okaloosa County are 1) traffic congestion, followed by 2) rising cost of fuel/energy and 3) jobs/new industries.
- A majority (69%) agree that an effective public transportation system is important for Okaloosa County's economic growth.
- A majority (65%) say they would support local government funding a public transportation system even if they don't use it.
- A majority (68%) would consider using public transportation to get to work.

Visit TransitSurvey.org and take the survey. Urge others to get involved and help drive the future of public transportation in your area. Email Okaloosa@transitsurvey.org or for information on the WAVE Express bus services, visit OCT online at www.rideoct.org or call (850) 833-9168 in Fort Walton Beach and 689-7809 in Crestview.

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