



To: Town Meeting Members and Town Officials

From: Vision 2020 Standing Committee and Task Group Chairs

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Subject: The Vision 2020 Report to 2011 Annual Town Meeting

The Vision 2020 Standing Committee and its Task Groups are pleased to present the following report covering Vision 2020 projects and activities for Calendar Year 2010 as well as January-April, 2011. The report can be found in three areas:

- The first, on pages 100-113 of the Community Development section of the Town's *2010 Annual Report*, presents a short history of Vision 2020's 21-year existence and specific accomplishments for the year 2010 as well as the results and analysis of the 2010 Vision 2020 Annual Survey - *Looking Ahead: Services & Revenues in the Balance: We Invite Your Input*.
- The second is included here by reference to Warrant Article # 65 - Appropriation/Arlington's Water Bodies Fund. The recommended vote of the Finance Committee can be found in their 2011 Report to the Annual Town Meeting.
- The third, a summary and analysis of the 4073 Arlington household responses received by March 15, 2011 to the 2011 Vision 2020 Annual Survey - *Truth and Consequences; You Can Influence the Difficult Decisions* - can be found in this booklet. Twenty-one (21%) of Arlington's households responded to this survey in just six weeks, 3,079 on paper and 994 online.—This is the second year in a row with more than a 4000 household responses, and the demographics page shows that respondents are well distributed across town.

Focusing on the Town's anticipated deficit, residents were asked to make a single solution choice to each Town Department shortfall question. The options were Make the Full Cuts, Pay-As-You-Throw and smaller cuts, 3yr Override and smaller cuts, or 5yr Override and minimal cuts. It is notable that no department gathered "Make the Full Cuts" as a majority solution. Additional questions asked whether respondents would raise revenues to offset the projected deficits by 3yr, 5yr or Pay-As-You-Throw solutions.

Residents were also queried on their knowledge and use of certain advantages that come from living in Arlington with its convenient bicycle routes, many senior transportation services, water bodies and surrounding areas.

Our report and these survey results, as well as further analysis by demographic categories, will be available on the Town website at www.arlingtonma.gov/vision2020 .

Demographics Overview

Total Number of Responses
4,073

Paper or Survey Monkey Submission

Source1	#
online	994
paper	3,079
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Precinct

Precinct1	#	Pct of Total
prec. 1	122	3.0%
prec. 2	186	4.6%
prec. 3	159	3.9%
prec. 4	176	4.3%
prec. 5	156	3.8%
prec. 6	166	4.1%
prec. 7	162	4.0%
prec. 8	185	4.5%
prec. 9	188	4.6%
prec. 10	219	5.4%
prec. 11	186	4.6%
prec. 12	214	5.3%
prec. 13	147	3.6%
prec. 14	184	4.5%
prec. 15	188	4.6%
prec. 16	209	5.1%
prec. 17	115	2.8%
prec. 18	181	4.4%
prec. 19	192	4.7%
prec. 20	163	4.0%
prec. 21	177	4.3%
(Blank)	398	9.8%

Number of Students in Public School

# Students in Public School	#
none	2,375
one	462
two	336
three	53
four	4
(Blank)	842
>>4	1

Number of Students not in Public School

# Students not in Public School	#
none	2,794
one	197
two	64
three	12
four	7
>>4	3
(Blank)	996

Residence Type

Residence Type	#
Single-Fam.	2,307
2-3 family home	867
4-8 unit bldg.	98
9+ unit bldg.	359
(Blank)	442

Years lived in Arlington

Years Lived in Arlington	#
<<5 yrs.	871
5-15 yrs.	1,236
>>15 yrs.	1,694
(Blank)	272

Own or Rent1	#
own	3,096
rent	874
(Blank)	103

Number of People < 5 Years Old

# People < 5	#
none	2,535
one	426
two	192
three	13
(Blank)	907

Number of People 18-64 Years Old

# People 18-64	#
none	481
one	829
two	1,996
three	243
four	103
>>4	32
(Blank)	389

Number of People 75-84 Years Old

# People 75-84	#
none	2,775
one	270
two	115
three	2
four	1
>>4	1
(Blank)	909

Seniors Only in Household

65+ Only	#
Under 65	3,076
Over 65 Only	994
(Blank)	3

Preferred method of Emergency Contact1	#
E-Mail	1,357
TextMessaging	383
Cell Phone	398
Telephone	1,770
(Blank)	165

Number of People < 18 Years Old

# People < 18	#
none	1,988
one	531
two	629
three	140
four	12
>>4	4
(Blank)	769

Number of People 65-74 Years Old

# People 65-74	#
none	2,534
one	434
two	173
three	5
>>4	2
(Blank)	925

Number of People 85+ Years Old

# People 85+1	#
none	2,983
one	138
two	31
three	3
four	1
>>4	1
(Blank)	916

Children in Public Schools

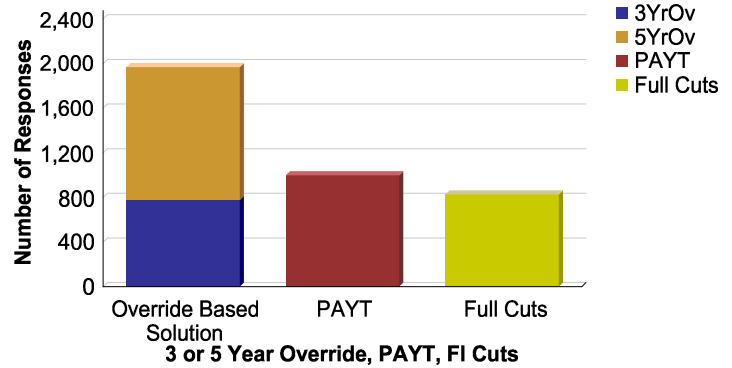
Have Children in Public School1	#
No/Blank	3,217
Yes	856
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Spend Elder Years in Arlington1	#
Yes	1,601
No	439
Don't Know	1,909
(Blank)	123
5	1

Summary of All Questions

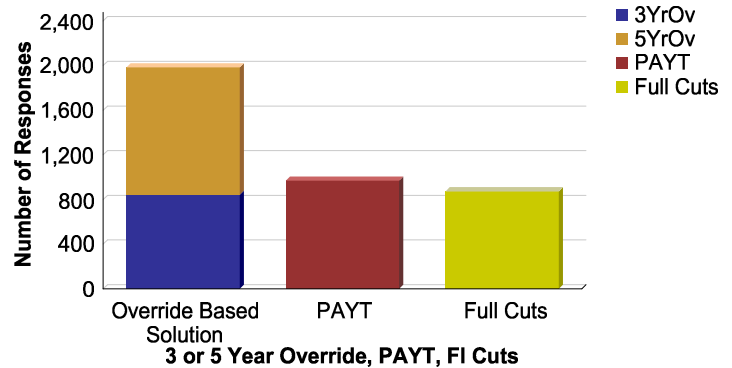
How to Deal with Fire Department Challenge

Override Based Solution		Override Based Solution	PAYT	Full Cuts	Total Valid Responses
3YrOv	5YrOv				
779	1,188	1,967	998	826	3,791
20.5%	31.3%	51.9%	26.3%	21.8%	100.0%



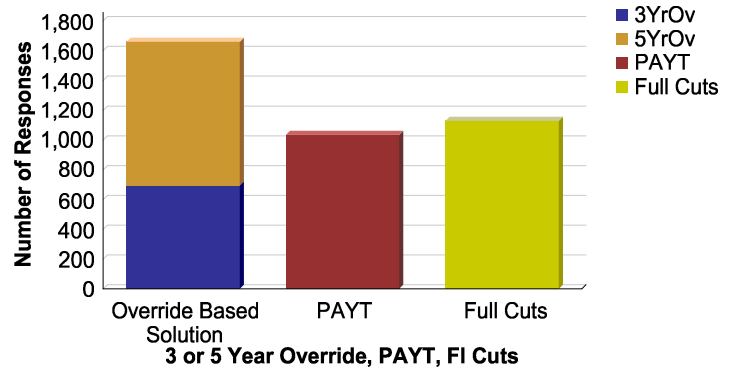
How to Deal with Police Department Challenge

Override Based Solution		Override Based Solution	PAYT	Full Cuts	Total Valid Responses
3YrOv	5YrOv				
841	1,143	1,984	967	872	3,823
22.0%	29.9%	51.9%	25.3%	22.8%	100.0%



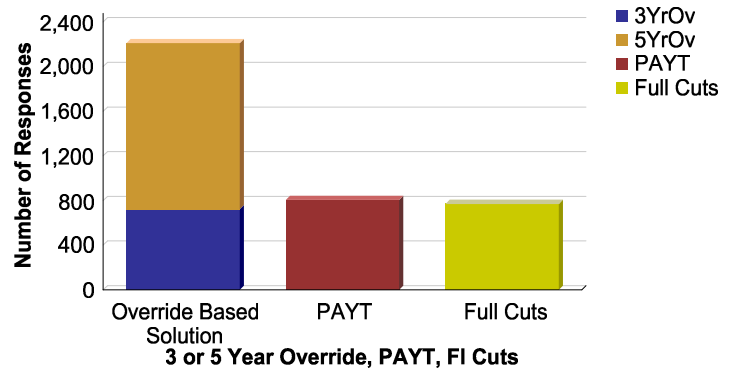
How to Deal with Library Challenge

Override Based Solution		Override Based Solution	PAYT	Full Cuts	Total Valid Responses
3YrOv	5YrOv				
694	966	1,660	1,033	1,129	3,822
18.2%	25.3%	43.4%	27.0%	29.5%	100.0%



How to Deal with Schools Challenge

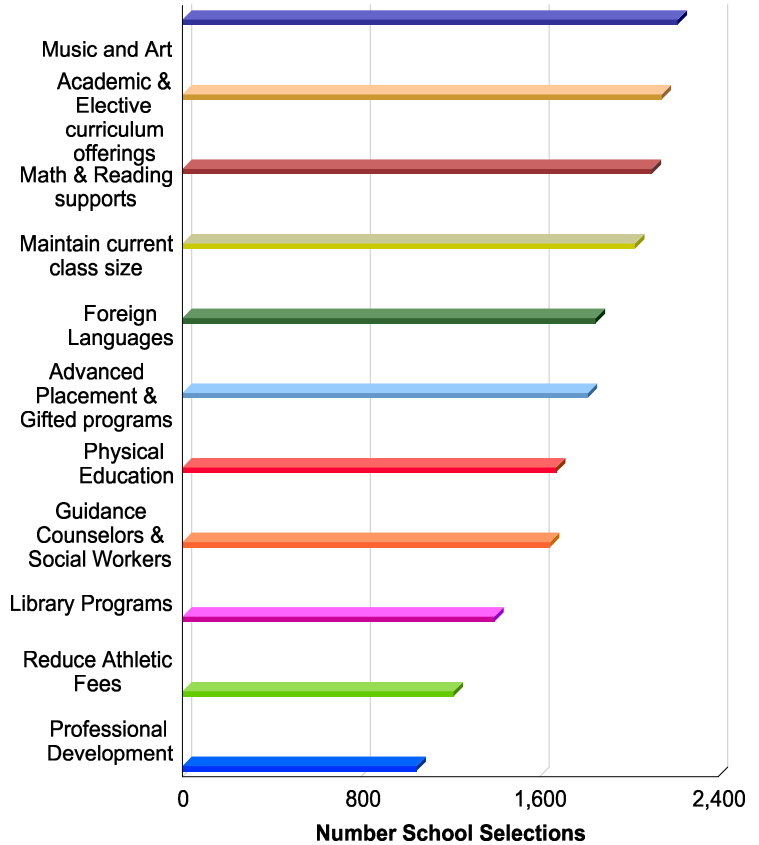
Override Based Solution		Override Based Solution	PAYT	Full Cuts	Total Valid Responses
3YrOv	5YrOv				
721	1,489	2,210	804	769	3,783
19.1%	39.4%	58.4%	21.3%	20.3%	100.0%



School Priorities

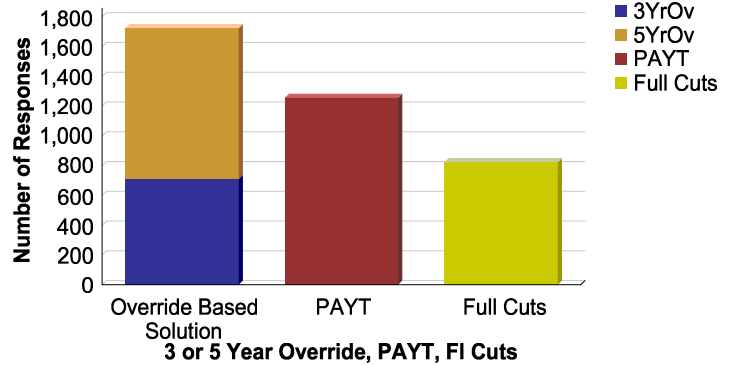
(Note: There were 899 responses who designated "All of the Above". In these cases, one count was added to each of the categories.)

	Number School Selections
Music and Art	2,218
Academic & Elective curriculum offerings	2,147
Math & Reading supports	2,102
Maintain current class size	2,027
Foreign Languages	1,851
Advanced Placement & Gifted programs	1,816
Physical Education	1,674
Guidance Counselors & Social Workers	1,647
Library Programs	1,397
Reduce Athletic Fees	1,215
Professional Development	1,049



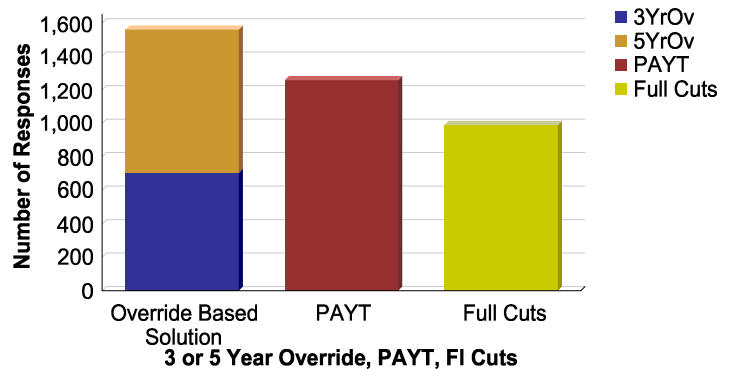
How to Deal with Snow Removal Challenge

Override Based Solution		Override Based Solution	PAYT	Full Cuts	Total Valid Responses
3YrOv	5YrOv				
712	1,012	1,724	1,256	824	3,804
18.7%	26.6%	45.3%	33.0%	21.7%	100.0%



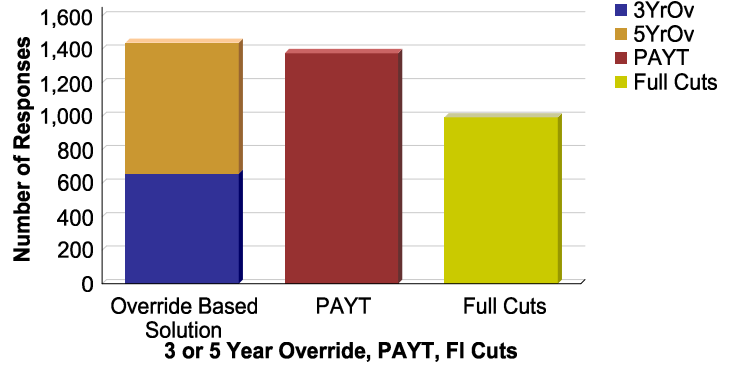
How to Deal with Street Repair Challenge

Override Based Solution		Override Based Solution	PAYT	Full Cuts	Total Valid Responses
3YrOv	5YrOv				
704	855	1,559	1,258	989	3,806
18.5%	22.5%	41.0%	33.1%	26.0%	100.0%



How to Deal with Parks and Field Maintenance Challenge

Override Based Solution		Override Based Solution	PAYT	Full Cuts	Total Valid Responses
3YrOv	5YrOv				
658	781	1,439	1,377	993	3,809
17.3%	20.5%	37.8%	36.2%	26.1%	100.0%

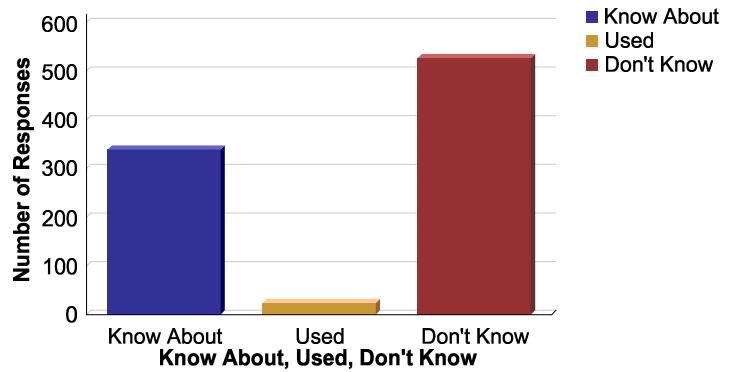


Quality of Life Factors

Senior Transportation

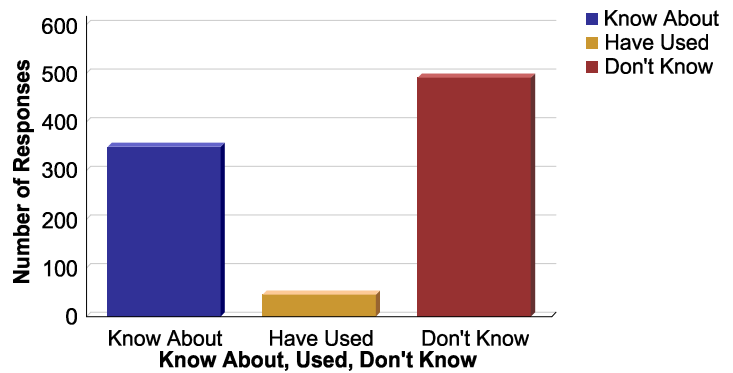
COA Dial-A-Ride

Know About	Used	Don't Know	Total Valid Responses
339	24	527	890
38.1%	2.7%	59.2%	100.0%



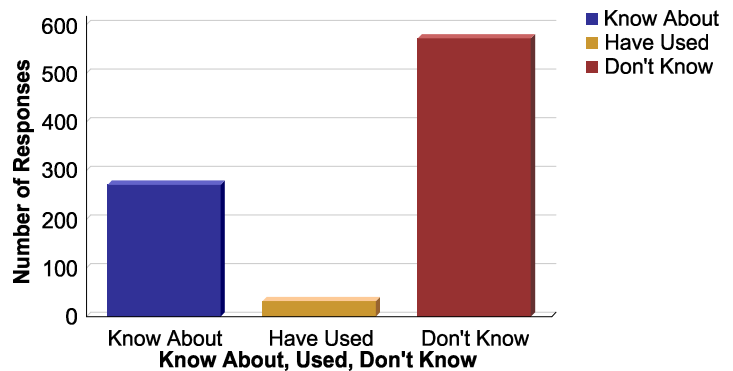
COA Senior Center Van

Know About	Have Used	Don't Know	Total Valid Responses
349	45	491	885
39.4%	5.1%	55.5%	100.0%



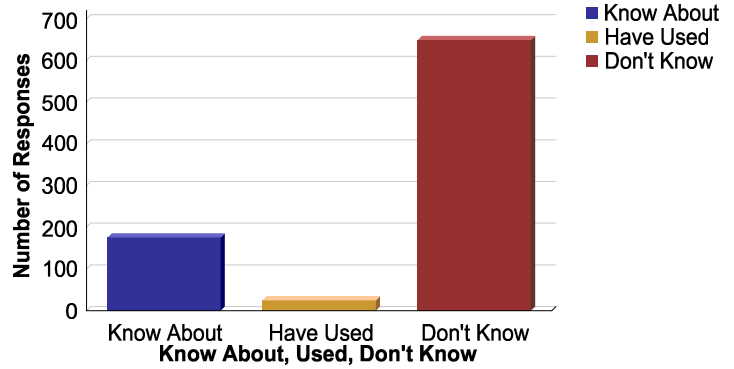
COA Medical Appointment Van

Know About	Have Used	Don't Know	Total Valid Responses
271	32	572	875
31.0%	3.7%	65.4%	100.0%



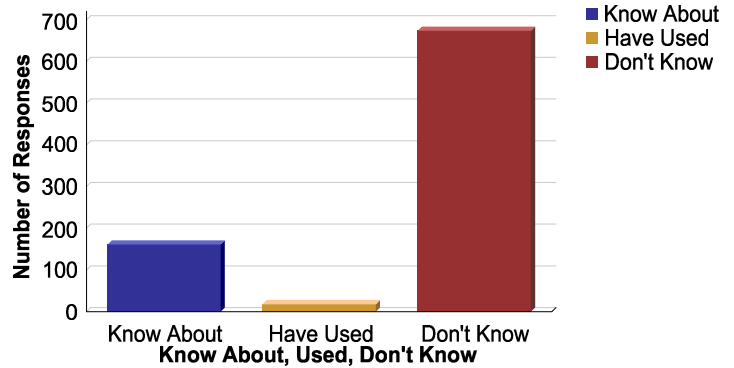
COA Medical Escort Services

Know About	Have Used	Don't Know	Total Valid Responses
176	25	649	850
20.7%	2.9%	76.4%	100.0%



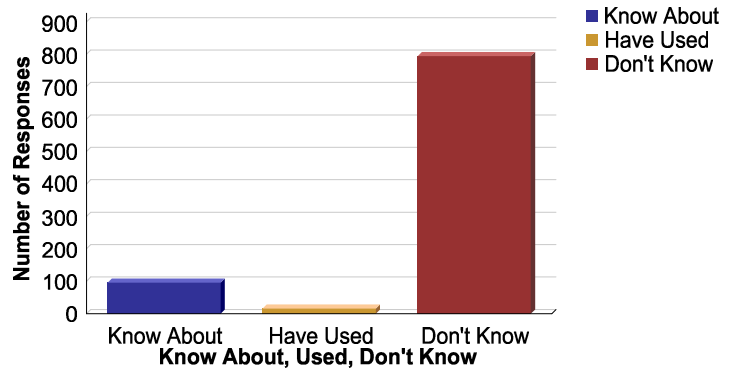
COA Sanborn Transport

Know About	Have Used	Don't Know	Total Valid Responses
161	18	674	853
18.9%	2.1%	79.0%	100.0%



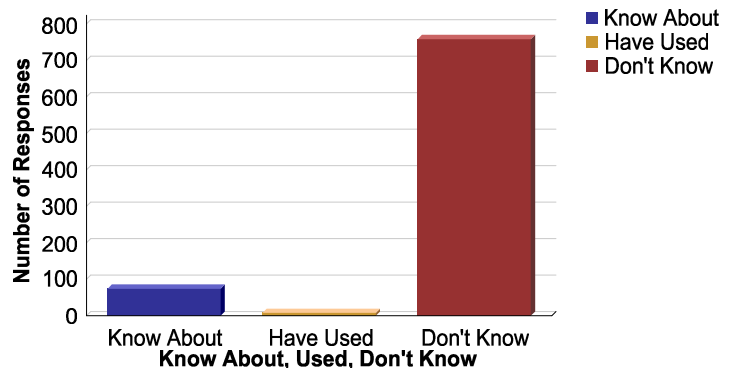
SCM Paul's Ride

Know About	Have Used	Don't Know	Total Valid Responses
96	16	794	906
10.6%	1.8%	87.6%	100.0%



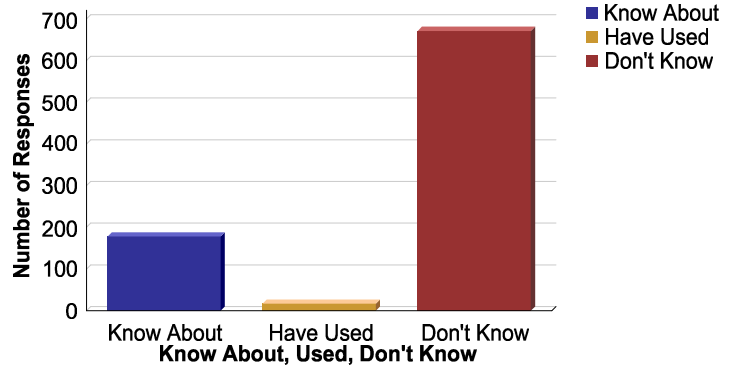
SCM Door to Door Arts

Know About	Have Used	Don't Know	Total Valid Responses
74	8	758	840
8.8%	1.0%	90.2%	100.0%



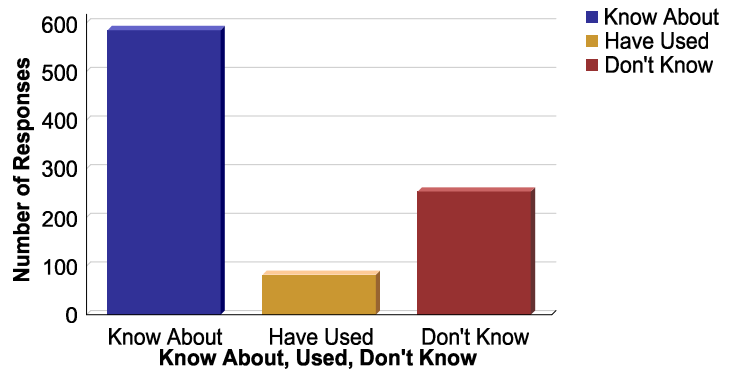
Stop and Shop Van

Know About	Have Used	Don't Know	Total Valid Responses
178	17	671	866
20.6%	2.0%	77.5%	100.0%



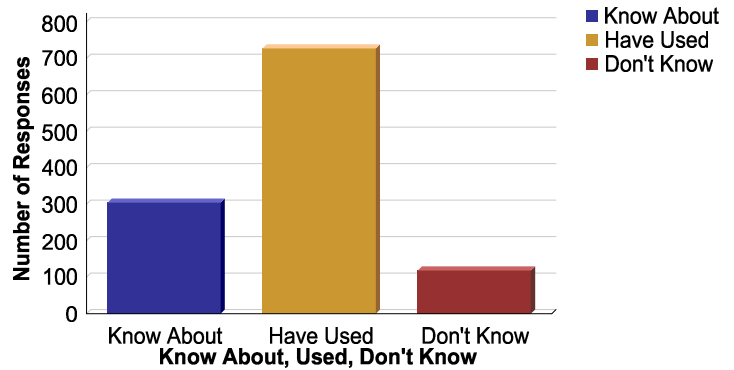
MBTA The Ride

Know About	Have Used	Don't Know	Total Valid Responses
585	82	253	920
63.6%	8.9%	27.5%	100.0%



MBTA Bus

Know About	Have Used	Don't Know	Total Valid Responses
304	727	118	1,149
26.5%	63.3%	10.3%	100.0%



Senior Transportation Services

		Have Used	Know About	Don't Know	Total Valid Choices
COA Dial a Ride	#	49	339	527	915
	%	5.4%	37.0%	57.6%	100.0%
COA Senior Center Van	#	45	349	491	885
	%	5.1%	39.4%	55.5%	100.0%
COA Medical Appointment Van	#	32	271	572	875
	%	3.7%	31.0%	65.4%	100.0%
COA Medical Escort Services	#	25	176	649	850
	%	2.9%	20.7%	76.4%	100.0%
COA Sanborn Transport	#	18	161	674	853
	%	2.1%	18.9%	79.0%	100.0%
SCM Paul's Ride	#	16	96	794	906
	%	1.8%	10.6%	87.6%	100.0%
SCM Medical Appointment Rides	#	20	142	697	859
	%	2.3%	16.5%	81.1%	100.0%
SCM Door to Door Arts	#	8	74	758	840
	%	1.0%	8.8%	90.2%	100.0%
Stop and Shop Van	#	17	178	671	866
	%	2.0%	20.6%	77.5%	100.0%
MBTA The Ride	#	82	585	253	920
	%	8.9%	63.6%	27.5%	100.0%
MBTA Bus	#	727	304	118	1,149
	%	63.3%	26.5%	10.3%	100.0%

Older Drivers

Driver Ages	Number Older Drivers
60-64 years	634
65-74 years	579
75-84 years	269
85 or older	78

Arlington's Seven Waterbodies

		Use	Know/Don't Use	Don't Know	Total Valid Choices
Alewife Brook	#	356	2,413	405	3,174
	%	11.2%	76.0%	12.8%	100.0%
Arlington Reservoir	#	1,269	1,727	279	3,275
	%	38.7%	52.7%	8.5%	100.0%
Hills Pond/Menotomy Park	#	1,006	1,353	789	3,148
	%	32.0%	43.0%	25.1%	100.0%
Mill Brook	#	275	2,046	792	3,113
	%	8.8%	65.7%	25.4%	100.0%
Mystic Lakes	#	828	2,059	313	3,200
	%	25.9%	64.3%	9.8%	100.0%
Mystic River	#	584	2,342	231	3,157
	%	18.5%	74.2%	7.3%	100.0%
Spy Pond	#	1,671	1,539	101	3,311
	%	50.5%	46.5%	3.1%	100.0%

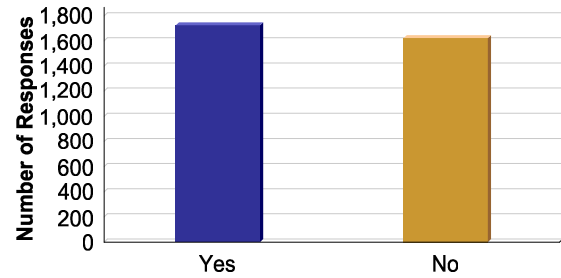
Bicycle Commuting

Commuting Route	Number Bike Commuting Choices
Mass. Ave->Camb/Boston	285
BikePath->Camb/Boston	542
Mass. Ave->Lex	74
BikePath->Lex	183
Rt. 60 -> Belmont/Waltham	58
Rt. 60 -> Medford	31
Other Commuting Routes	162

Revenue Options

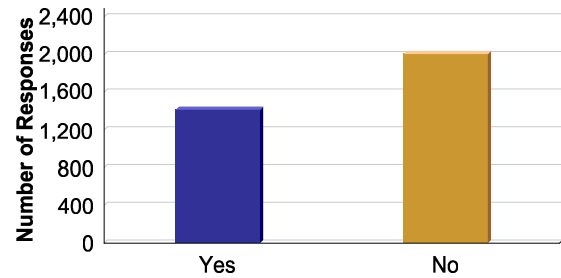
Support for 3-Year Override

Number of Responses	Yes	No	Total	% Yes	% No
online	435	384	819	53.1%	46.9%
paper	1,289	1,238	2,527	51.0%	49.0%
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Total	1,724	1,622	3,346	51.5%	48.5%



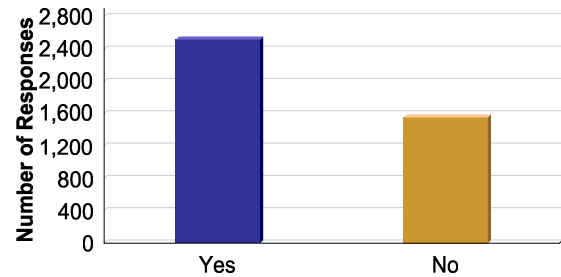
Support for 5-Year Override

Number of Responses	Yes	No	Total	% Yes	% No
online	407	444	851	47.8%	52.2%
paper	1,007	1,562	2,569	39.2%	60.8%
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Total	1,414	2,006	3,420	41.3%	58.7%



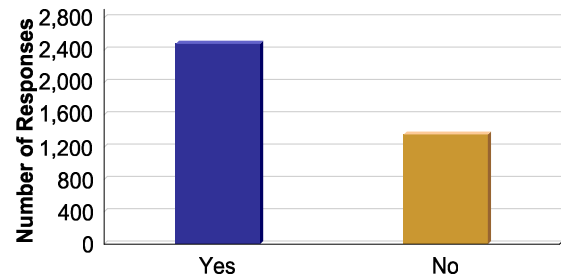
Support for 3-Year OR 5-Year Override

Number of Responses	Yes	No	Total	% Yes	% No
online	649	345	994	65.3%	34.7%
paper	1,868	1,211	3,079	60.7%	39.3%
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Total	2,517	1,556	4,073	61.8%	38.2%



Support for Pay As You Throw (PAYT)

Number of Responses	Yes	No	Total	% Yes	% No
online	639	292	931	68.6%	31.4%
paper	1,839	1,063	2,902	63.4%	36.6%
(Blank)					
Total	2,478	1,355	3,833	64.6%	35.4%



Detailed Analysis for Override Solution

Support for Override Solution

Number of Responses	Yes	No	Total	% Yes	% No
Total	2,517	1,556	4,073	61.8%	38.2%
online	649	345	994	65.3%	34.7%
paper	1,868	1,211	3,079	60.7%	39.3%
(Blank)					
Have Students in Public School					
No/Blank	1,863	1,354	3,217	57.9%	42.1%
Yes	654	202	856	76.4%	23.6%
(Blank)					
Years lived in Arlington					
<<5 yrs.	621	250	871	71.3%	28.7%
5-15 yrs.	881	355	1,236	71.3%	28.7%
>>15 yrs.	887	807	1,694	52.4%	47.6%
(Blank)	128	144	272	47.1%	52.9%
Only Seniors (65+) In Household					
Under 65	2,031	1,045	3,076	66.0%	34.0%
Over 65 Only	483	511	994	48.6%	51.4%
(Blank)	3				
Own or Rent					
own	1,840	1,256	3,096	59.4%	40.6%
rent	625	249	874	71.5%	28.5%
(Blank)	52	51	103	50.5%	49.5%
Support Pay as You Throw (PAYT)					
Yes	1,757	721	2,478	70.9%	29.1%
No	707	648	1,355	52.2%	47.8%
(Blank)	53	186	239	22.2%	77.8%

Number of Responses	Yes	No	Total	% Yes	% No
Precinct					
prec. 1	82	40	122	67.2%	32.8%
prec. 2	115	71	186	61.8%	38.2%
prec. 3	122	37	159	76.7%	23.3%
prec. 4	111	65	176	63.1%	36.9%
prec. 5	103	53	156	66.0%	34.0%
prec. 6	94	72	166	56.6%	43.4%
prec. 7	117	45	162	72.2%	27.8%
prec. 8	122	63	185	65.9%	34.1%
prec. 9	117	71	188	62.2%	37.8%
prec. 10	144	75	219	65.8%	34.2%
prec. 11	109	77	186	58.6%	41.4%
prec. 12	138	76	214	64.5%	35.5%
prec. 13	78	69	147	53.1%	46.9%
prec. 14	123	61	184	66.8%	33.2%
prec. 15	105	83	188	55.9%	44.1%
prec. 16	134	75	209	64.1%	35.9%
prec. 17	65	50	115	56.5%	43.5%
prec. 18	98	83	181	54.1%	45.9%
prec. 19	111	81	192	57.8%	42.2%
prec. 20	105	58	163	64.4%	35.6%
prec. 21	118	59	177	66.7%	33.3%
(Blank)	206	192	398	51.8%	48.2%
Residence Type					
Single-Fam.	1,381	926	2,307	59.9%	40.1%
2-3 family home	560	307	867	64.6%	35.4%
4-8 unit bldg.	71	27	98	72.4%	27.6%
9+ unit bldg.	228	131	359	63.5%	36.5%
(Blank)	277	165	442	62.7%	37.3%

Detailed Analysis for Pay As You Throw Solution

Support for Pay As You Throw (PAYT)

Number of Responses	Yes	No	Total	% Yes	% No
Total	2,478	1,355	3,833	64.6%	35.4%
online	639	292	931	68.6%	31.4%
paper	1,839	1,063	2,902	63.4%	36.6%
(Blank)					
Have Students in Public School					
No/Blank	1,869	1,146	3,015	62.0%	38.0%
Yes	609	209	818	74.4%	25.6%
(Blank)					
Years lived in Arlington					
<<5 yrs.	591	225	816	72.4%	27.6%
5-15 yrs.	863	318	1,181	73.1%	26.9%
>>15 yrs.	891	713	1,604	55.5%	44.5%
(Blank)	133	99	232	57.3%	42.7%
Only Seniors (65+) In Household					
Under 65	2,004	923	2,927	68.5%	31.5%
Over 65 Only	471	432	903	52.2%	47.8%
(Blank)	3				
Own or Rent					
own	1,903	1,044	2,947	64.6%	35.4%
rent	527	271	798	66.0%	34.0%
(Blank)	48	40	88	54.5%	45.5%
Support an Override Based Solution					
Yes	1,757	707	2,464	71.3%	28.7%
No	721	648	1,369	52.7%	47.3%
(Blank)					

Number of Responses	Yes	No	Total	% Yes	% No
Precinct					
prec. 1	67	42	109	61.5%	38.5%
prec. 2	107	71	178	60.1%	39.9%
prec. 3	110	39	149	73.8%	26.2%
prec. 4	109	57	166	65.7%	34.3%
prec. 5	91	52	143	63.6%	36.4%
prec. 6	106	45	151	70.2%	29.8%
prec. 7	101	58	159	63.5%	36.5%
prec. 8	132	45	177	74.6%	25.4%
prec. 9	126	49	175	72.0%	28.0%
prec. 10	148	61	209	70.8%	29.2%
prec. 11	102	75	177	57.6%	42.4%
prec. 12	152	59	211	72.0%	28.0%
prec. 13	72	67	139	51.8%	48.2%
prec. 14	127	48	175	72.6%	27.4%
prec. 15	106	73	179	59.2%	40.8%
prec. 16	126	77	203	62.1%	37.9%
prec. 17	63	45	108	58.3%	41.7%
prec. 18	110	66	176	62.5%	37.5%
prec. 19	100	82	182	54.9%	45.1%
prec. 20	108	45	153	70.6%	29.4%
prec. 21	108	67	175	61.7%	38.3%
(Blank)	207	132	339	61.1%	38.9%
Residence Type					
Single-Fam.	1,391	800	2,191	63.5%	36.5%
2-3 family home	535	298	833	64.2%	35.8%
4-8 unit bldg.	55	32	87	63.2%	36.8%
9+ unit bldg.	227	102	329	69.0%	31.0%
(Blank)	270	123	393	68.7%	31.3%