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Public Perceptions on Transportation Characteristics of Livable Communities

Friday, July 15, 2011 - The Department of Transportation's Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS), a part of the Research and Innovative Technology Administration, today released [*Public Perceptions on Transportation Characteristics of Livable Communities*](#), a special report presenting the findings of a 2009 survey asking participants the importance of different transportation features for their communities. The most important of the eight characteristics defined in the survey, supported by 94 percent of respondents, was major roads or highways, followed closely by adequate downtown parking, pedestrian-friendly downtown streets, safe sidewalks, and easy access to airports. Reliable long-distance bus or rail transportation, bike lanes, and local transit were found to be important by over two-thirds of respondents. BTS surveyed about 1,000 households for this report. Contact Dave Smallen: 202-366-5568.

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