

Rural Transit Feasibility Study - Public Opinion Survey

Lanark County and the Town of Smiths Falls are undertaking the Rural Transit Feasibility Study to explore the suitability of introducing new public transit and transportation services. The study is critical to understanding the mobility needs of residents and meaningfully responding to the unique and diverse opportunities in the County and Town.

Arcadis is the technical consultant undertaking the Transit Feasibility Study alongside the County and the Town.

During this first phase of this study, we are developing our understanding of transit needs and priorities across the region. Later in the study, we will share potential transit solutions to respond to the needs and priorities that you will have helped identify.

Please submit your response by May 30, 2025.

Participation in the survey is anonymous. Submissions become part of the public record and may be disclosed in full.

Please provide the first three letters of your home postal code:

Do you live in a rural setting or urban setting such as a hamlet, village or town?

- ☐ Rural setting
- ☐ Urban setting (built-up area)
- ☐ Not sure / prefer not to say

Please tell us your age range:

- ☐ Under 16
- ☐ 16-19
- ☐ 20-24
- ☐ 25-34
- ☐ 35-44
- ☐ 45-54
- ☐ 55-64
- ☐ 65-74
- ☐ 75 or older
- ☐ Prefer not to say

Which of the following transit services in the region have you used in the past two years? (select all that apply)

- ☐ Lanark Transportation
- ☐ OC Transpo
- ☐ VIA Rail
- ☐ Ontario Northland
- ☐ Flix Bus
- ☐ Rider Express
- ☐ Other (please specify)
- ☐ None/I don't use transit

If you chose other, what additional transit services have you used?

If you use OC Transpo, which route(s) do you use?

If you use Lanark Transportation, which route(s) do you use?

If a public transit service was available to use across Lanark County and Smiths Falls, how likely are you to use it?

- ☐ Very likely
- ☐ Likely
- ☐ Unlikely
- ☐ Very unlikely
- ☐ I don't know / not sure

If public transit service was available to use across Lanark County and Smiths Falls, what locations would you be interested in travelling to by transit? (select all that apply)

- ☐ Smiths Falls
- ☐ Mississippi Mills
- ☐ Carleton Place
- ☐ Beckwith
- ☐ Montague
- ☐ Drummond/North Elmsley
- ☐ Perth
- ☐ Tay Valley
- ☐ Lanark Highlands
- ☐ City of Ottawa
- ☐ County of Renfrew
- ☐ United Counties of Leeds and Grenville
- ☐ County of Frontenac
- ☐ Other (please specify)

If you chose other, what additional locations would you be interested in?

What types of activities would you be most interested in using public transit to travel to, if transit was available in the future? (Select all that apply)

- ☐ I would not be interested in using public transit services
- ☐ Work
- ☐ School
- ☐ Shopping
- ☐ Medical/health care or other services
- ☐ Entertainment/recreation
- ☐ Friends/family
- ☐ Errands
- ☐ Longer-distance travel (e.g. rail or airports)
- ☐ Other

If you chose other, what additional types of activities would you be interested in using public transit to travel to?

What factors would encourage you to use public transit, if services were available?

- ☐ Affordability of fare prices
- ☐ Convenience of routes/stops
- ☐ Frequency of service
- ☐ Reliability/on-time performance
- ☐ Environmental benefits of not using a car
- ☐ Comfort (e.g. seating, cleanliness)
- ☐ Safety/security
- ☐ Availability of real-time updates/apps
- ☐ Other (please specify)

If you chose other, what additional factors would encourage you to use public transit?

Please share any comments about existing transit needs, as well as any suggestions on how best to expand transit options for residents in Lanark County and Smiths Falls.

Thank you

Thank you for taking the time to provide your input on the Rural Transit Feasibility Study for the County of Lanark and Town of Smiths Falls.