

# TRANSPORTATION

<b>TRANSPORTATION INDICATORS</b>	<b>Cape County</b>	<b>City of Cape</b>	<b>City of Jackson</b>	<b>Scott City</b>	<b>State of Missouri</b>
Total Population	68,693	35,349	11,947	4602	5,595,211
Population 65 years and over	9460	5483	1678	565	755,379
% of total population	13.8%	15.5%	14.0%	12.3%	13.5%
Change since 1990	-0.1%	+ 0.9%	-2.0%	-1.5%	- 0.5%
Individuals in Poverty	11.1%	15.2%	6.7%	12.8%	11.7%
Pop 65 & over in Poverty	10.1%	8.6%	11.8%	13.5%	9.9%
Total Households	27,031	14,409	4714	1817	2,197,214
Households with no vehicles	7.4%	9.9%	5.3%	5.1%	8.3%
PublicTransport/Taxi to Work	0.4%	0.7%	0.1%	0.2%	1.5%
Cycle/Walk to Work	3.4%	5.5%	1.1%	1.0%	2.3%
Mean Travel Time to Work (min)	18.6	15.7	20.6	21	23.8
Population with Mobility & Self Care Limitations for ages 16 +	4993	2728	748	346	462,068
Disabled Non-Inst Pop 5 yrs+	10,265	5736	1474	893	973,637
% with a disability	16.2%	17.7%	13.6%	20.8%	19.0%
Disabled Non-Inst Pop 16 yrs+	9602	5414	1347	817	919,517
% with a disability	15.1%	16.7%	12.5%	19.1%	17.9%
Disabled Non-Inst Pop 65 yrs+	3301	1757	562	264	303,279
% with a disability	5.2%	5.4%	5.2%	6.2%	5.9%
<b>2002 Ridership Totals</b>					
SADI Shuttle TOTAL	2790				
Elderly Disabled Riders	218				
Non-Eld Disable Riders	2572				
Special Needs % of total	100%				
<b>FY 2003 Ridership Totals</b>					
Cape County Transit TOTAL	27,794				
Elderly Riders	11,030				
Handicapped Riders	3762				
Medical Transport Riders	3856				
Special Needs % of total	67%				
Kelley - Subsidized Riders		59,367			
Handicapped/Elderly		46,632			
Special Needs % of total		79%			

**Sources:** Census 2000, SADI (Southeast Missouri Alliance for Disability Independence), CGCTA (Cape Girardeau County Transit Authority), City of Cape

***The issue of transportation in the Cape Girardeau area has probably been more discussed in recent years than other single issue. Much progress has been made with the merger of Cape County Transit Inc. and the Cape Girardeau County Transit Authority in December 2001, and the appointment of a Transit Authority Director in July 2002. The Transit Authority serves residents throughout the county beyond the city of Cape Girardeau. Riders from outside the city limits can be shuttled into the city limits, and Cape city residents can be transported outside Cape city limits.***

***Currently, Kelley Transportation operates in the city of Cape Girardeau. Collaboration with the city of Cape Girardeau provides city-subsidized taxi coupons that are available to any resident. Instead of paying \$4.50 per ride, residents can purchase 7 - 14 coupons a month at a cost of \$2 each for the general public and \$1 each for the elderly and those with special needs of any age. Coupon users complain about the "lack of convenience and reliability" when trying to secure a cab.***

***Transportation needs of the disabled population are provided through SADI - Southeast Missouri Alliance for Disability Independence. One passenger van had been in service since 2002, but a shuttle bus was acquired just recently. Once clients are registered, they may ride as frequently as they wish for \$1 per trip. The SADI shuttle primarily runs within the Cape Girardeau city limits, although occasional trips to Jackson are made if time permits. Unofficially, the SADI shuttle serves about 10 riders per weekday, and a few more than that on Saturdays. The new shuttle bus accommodates three wheelchairs and 16 additional passengers.***

***Several individual agencies and programs that focus on the elderly and disabled populations provide transportation for their participating clients. Hoover Eldercare Center and VIP Industries operate their own vans to transport clients. Several other agencies contract out transportation services for their clients through Cape County Transit or Kelley Transportation.***

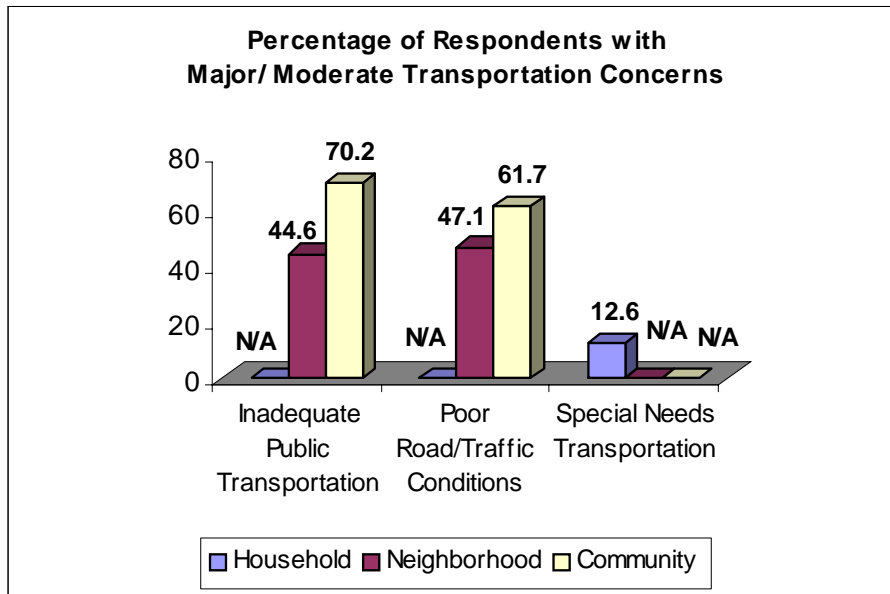
***Another transportation system in place for the city of Cape Girardeau is the shuttle bus system serving the university population on the campus of Southeast Missouri State University. BART Transportation shuttles area residents to Lambert Airport in St. Louis. Greyhound Bus transportation for nationwide travel is accessible in the city of Jackson. Interstate, river, rail, and air travel accessibility provide adequate out-of-county transportation for people, goods and services.***

***Despite the services currently in place, public concern for unmet transportation needs within the county, and particularly within the city of Cape continues. According to Census 2000, 7.4% or 2010 households in Cape County lack a vehicle. That percentage increases to 9.9% or 1427 households in the city of Cape Girardeau. Looking at mean travel time to work, Cape County's employed residents average 19 minutes and Cape city's employed residents average 16 minutes. These indicators establish a need for vehicular transportation for employment purposes. A fixed-route bus system seems to be the most popular***

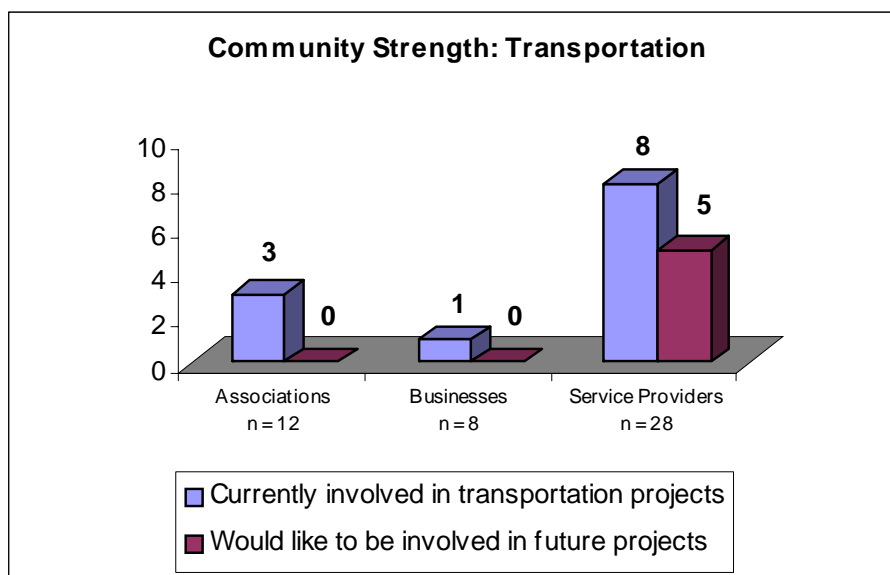
**solution among Cape Girardeau residents and many city leaders. The Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) has recently announced plans to implement a study of the transit needs in Cape Girardeau city and county and Scott City. The study will focus on the feasibility of a fixed-route bus system. The study will be implemented in early 2004.**

## **COMPASSS SURVEY RESULTS**

### **Household Results**



### **Community Strength: Transportation**



## **STRENGTHS**

- 1. The Cape Girardeau community has a long history of community discussion and debate concerning the issue of transportation.**
- 2. City of Cape taxi coupon program through federal grant subsidies has been operating since December 1981 to provide affordable transportation within city limits.**
- 3. Cape Girardeau County Transit Authority provides van service from point-to-point for residents in Jackson and rural areas of the county.**
- 4. Director Jeff Brune of Cape County Transit Authority is searching for additional funding sources to maintain/expand services.**
- 5. A very recent meeting of state, city, county, university and transit authority officials has resulted in MoDOT's agreement to study transportation needs in the community with a focus on a fixed-route bus system.**
- 6. SADI recently acquired a shuttle bus to provide transportation for the disabled population. The capacity of the shuttle is 19 passengers, including 3 wheelchair spaces.**
- 7. AAA - Area Agency on Aging contracts with both Cape County Transit and Kelley Transportation to provide transportation for elders 60 years and older for essential goods and services at no cost to the client.**

## **CHALLENGES**

- 1. The inability of Kelley Transportation to meet client demand (1-2 hour waits are common--making appointments impossible to keep, frozen foods spoiling, etc.)**
- 2. The lack of a fixed-route bus system in the community**
- 3. Sustainability of current services**
- 4. Securing additional funds to expand basic transportation services**
- 5. The attitude of individuals to "not go at all" rather than hassle with inadequate public transportation**
- 6. Coordination of existing services - past attempts by the county has met with resistance from the city of Cape Girardeau.**
- 7. Very little client input in past studies**
- 8. Cape County Transit unable to deliver Meals on Wheels due to MoDOT policy guidelines.**
- 9. Overall cost of providing public transportation is very high - approximately a \$15 per rider differential between amount charged for the service and the cost of the service.**
- 10. "Community Conditioning" is a very slow process. Once a new service becomes available, it takes an average of 6-12 months for the community to become acclimated to actually using the service.**