

# Sustainable INL News

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## Transportation Survey

**I**n October of 2010, a survey was conducted to determine the commuting behaviors of BEA employees.

This survey was sent out via email; a total of 2,838 BEA employees participated. Of those 2,838 employees, 2,777 completed the survey. The results of only the fully completed surveys are presented in the report.

### Survey Take-Aways:

When asked about their main method of travel to and from their work location, participants responded:

892 individuals rode an INL bus

465 individuals traveled to and from work by car-pool or vanpool

1,661 individuals drove alone

80 individuals walked to and from work

59 individuals used some other method of transportation to travel to and from work

Approximately 13,355,653 total miles were traveled by survey respondents traveling to and from their work locations for the fiscal year 2010. Only 0.4% of those miles were traveled by walking, running, or bicycling. One and one tenth of a percent were traveled by motorcycle, 31.8% were travelled by pick-ups, SUVs or vans, and 66.8% were traveled by passenger cars.

*"If God had really intended for man to fly, He would have made it easier to get to the airport" - Jonathan Winters*

The majority of participants who said their commuting pattern changed during FY 2010 (54%) attributed this to a change in miles traveled (their work location changed, their bus stop location changed, they moved to a different residence or changed their travel route).

When asked about ideas to improve their commute, 42% of respondents gave suggestions relating to buses and shuttles. Sixteen percent gave ideas that relate to factors not

controlled by INL, such as improvements to city roads, bike lanes, and traffic laws. Ten percent of participants had no comments or were happy with their commute.

One of the more interesting set of responses was given when asked if alternative transportation methods were used. While we expected to hear that people walk or ride their bikes, we did not realize people used their

roller blades, skateboards, and electric scooters.

Another interesting statistic is the number of employees who work some of the time from home.

Respondents were asked if they worked from home during FY 2010. 92% of respondents did not work from home, while 8% did. Of those respondents who worked from home, the majority (86%) worked 20 days or less from home. Eight percent worked 21-40 days from home, 3% worked 41-60 days from

home, 3% worked 81-100 days from home, and 0% worked 61-80 days from home.

You can contact Jen Morton for any of the results. Look for the full report to be posted on our website soon.

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