



## National Evaluation of a Mileage-Based Road User Charge Questionnaire 4

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We are interested in how people get information about events in the news.

1. Where do you get most of your information about current events? Please select all that apply.

- Newspaper
- Magazine
- Internet
- Books/other print
- Television
- Radio
- Government agency
- Family
- Friends/colleague
- Other \_\_\_\_\_ (please specify)

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It is hard to keep up with all the issues in the news. For the following issues, please indicate if you are very well informed, moderately well informed, not well informed, or not at all informed in the issue.

2. Agriculture and farming
  - Very well informed
  - Moderately well informed
  - Not well informed
  - Not at all informed
  
3. Economic and business conditions
  - Very well informed
  - Moderately well informed
  - Not well informed
  - Not at all informed
  
4. Environmental pollution
  - Very well informed
  - Moderately well informed
  - Not well informed
  - Not at all informed
  
5. International and foreign policy
  - Very well informed
  - Moderately well informed
  - Not well informed
  - Not at all informed
  
6. Local schools
  - Very well informed
  - Moderately well informed
  - Not well informed
  - Not at all informed
  
7. Military and defense policy
  - Very well informed
  - Moderately well informed
  - Not well informed
  - Not at all informed
  
8. New inventions and technologies
  - Very well informed
  - Moderately well informed
  - Not well informed
  - Not at all informed

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9. New medical discoveries
  - Very well informed

- Moderately well informed
- Not well informed
- Not at all informed

10. New scientific discoveries

- Very well informed
- Moderately well informed
- Not well informed
- Not at all informed

11. Space exploration

- Very well informed
- Moderately well informed
- Not well informed
- Not at all informed

For the following list of statements, please indicate if you strongly agree, agree, neither agree nor disagree, disagree, or strongly disagree.

12. Science and technology are making our lives healthier, easier, and more comfortable.

- Strongly agree
- Somewhat agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Strongly disagree

13. Most scientists strive to work on things that will make life better for the average person.

- Strongly agree
- Somewhat agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Strongly disagree

14. Because of science and technology, there will be more opportunities for the next generation.

- Strongly agree
- Somewhat agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Strongly disagree

15. We depend too much on science and not enough on faith.

- Strongly agree
- Somewhat agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Strongly disagree

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16. It is not important for me to know about science in my daily life.

- Strongly agree

- Somewhat agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Strongly disagree

17. Science makes our way of life change too fast.

- Strongly agree
- Somewhat agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Strongly disagree

18. Scientific research can have both positive and negative consequences. The positive benefits of scientific research outweigh the harmful effects.

- Strongly agree
- Somewhat agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

We face many challenges in this country. Please tell us if you think the government is spending too little, about the right amount, or too much money on the following:

19. Exploring space

- Too little
- About the right amount
- Too much
- Don't know

20. Reducing pollution

- Too little
- About the right amount
- Too much
- Don't know

21. Improving health care

- Too little
- About the right amount
- Too much
- Don't know

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22. Supporting scientific research

- Too little

- About the right amount
- Too much
- Don't know

23. Improving education

- Too little
- About the right amount
- Too much
- Don't know

24. Helping older people

- Too little
- About the right amount
- Too much
- Don't know

25. Spending for Social Security

- Too little
- About the right amount
- Too much
- Don't know

26. National defense

- Too little
- About the right amount
- Too much
- Don't know

27. Helping low-income people

- Too little
- About the right amount
- Too much
- Don't know

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Would you say that you have a lot of confidence, some confidence or hardly any confidence in the people in charge of the following?

28. Medicine

- A lot of confidence
- Some confidence
- Hardly any confidence

29. Scientific community

- A lot of confidence
- Some confidence
- Hardly any confidence

30. Military

- A lot of confidence
- Some confidence
- Hardly any confidence

31. Banks and financial institutions

- A lot of confidence
- Some confidence
- Hardly any confidence

32. Major corporations

- A lot of confidence
- Some confidence
- Hardly any confidence

33. Organized religion

- A lot of confidence
- Some confidence
- Hardly any confidence

34. Education

- A lot of confidence
- Some confidence
- Hardly any confidence

35. Executive branch of federal government

- A lot of confidence
- Some confidence
- Hardly any confidence

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36. State Department of Transportation (D.O.T.)

- A lot of confidence
- Some confidence
- Hardly any confidence

37. Congress

- A lot of confidence
- Some confidence
- Hardly any confidence

38. The press

- A lot of confidence
- Some confidence
- Hardly any confidence

39. Television news

- A lot of confidence
- Some confidence
- Hardly any confidence

In order to understand how much detail you would like to see in your road-user charge statement, we have been sending you monthly road-user charge statements. By now, you should have received several statements. Please refer to them when answering the following questions.

43. How often would you prefer to receive road-user charge statements?

- Monthly
- Every 2 months
- Every 3 months
- Every 6 months
- Every 12 months

44. How desirable or undesirable was the level of detail in the road-user charge statement?

- Highly desirable
- Somewhat desirable
- Neither desirable nor undesirable
- Somewhat undesirable
- Highly undesirable

45. Please tell us the reasons behind your last 2 answers.

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46. You have been using the on-board equipment and the billing data upload system for about 8 months now. How well has the equipment performed so far?

- No problems have been encountered
- My vehicle had to be taken to a diagnostic/repair facility once or twice
- There have been multiple or continuous serious problems needing more than two visits

47. How accurate would you say your road-user charge statements were?

- At least once, I was charged a little bit more than I know I should have been
- At least once, I was charged a lot more than I know I should have been
- The road-user charge statements appeared to be correct
- At least once, I was charged a little bit less than I know I should have been
- At least once, I was charged a lot less than I know I should have been

48. In setting the per-mile road user charge rate for different classes of vehicles, which one of the following would you most like to see applied?

- Vehicles that burn more fuel should pay more
- Vehicles that weigh more should pay more
- All vehicles should pay essentially the same amount per mile
- Don't know

Based on your experience as a participant in the Road User Study, please respond to questions 49 to 53.

49. How confident are you that this technology would perform well if this system were implemented?

- Very confident
- Somewhat confident
- Neither confident nor doubtful
- Somewhat doubtful
- Very doubtful
- Don't know

50. How confident are you that this technology will be capable of providing accurate and reliable information on miles traveled?

- Very confident
- Somewhat confident
- Neither confident nor doubtful
- Somewhat doubtful
- Very doubtful
- Don't know

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51. Based on your review of the monthly road-user charge statements, how confident are you that the data transfer will be accurate?

- Very confident
- Somewhat confident
- Neither confident nor doubtful
- Somewhat doubtful
- Very doubtful
- Don't know

52. How confident are you that the Billing and Dispersal Center will process the uploaded data accurately and thereby provide vehicle owners with proper road-user charge statements?

- Very confident
- Somewhat confident
- Neither confident nor doubtful
- Somewhat doubtful
- Very doubtful
- Don't know

53. How confident are you that road user revenue will accurately be paid to the state in which travel occurred?

- Very confident
- Somewhat confident
- Neither confident nor doubtful
- Somewhat doubtful
- Very doubtful
- Don't know



**VERY IMPORTANT**

**PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR PARTICIPANT ID NUMBER BELOW TO ENSURE THAT WE CAN MAIL YOU YOUR COMPENSATION PAYMENT PROMPTLY. For assistance please call 866-363-1975.**

**PARTICIPANT ID #** \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you for completing this questionnaire.**

Please return your survey in the enclosed envelope to:

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