

## Executive Summary – LIFE Survey

### Background

In February 2023, LA Metro conducted an online LIFE participant survey. The purpose of the survey was to help develop an advocacy plan for the fare program, specifically around free fares. The survey allowed LA Metro to collect qualitative information about the people who use the free fare program and visualize the impact of the program.

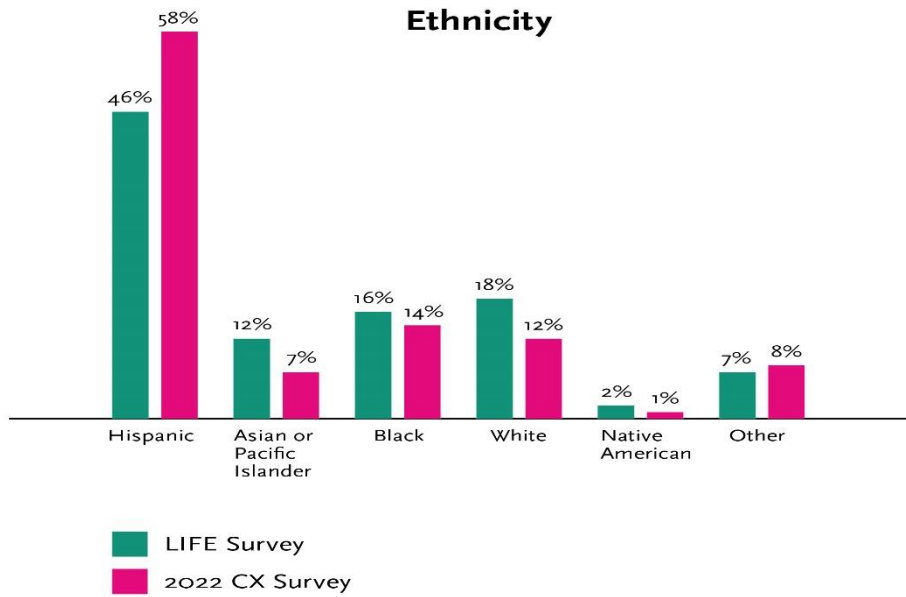
### Methodology

TAP sent out an online survey to 28.04k LIFE program participants who were eligible/are using 90 days of free fares. The survey was available in English and Spanish and was live for 10 days in February 2023. 1661 LIFE surveys were collected with a 41% response rate.

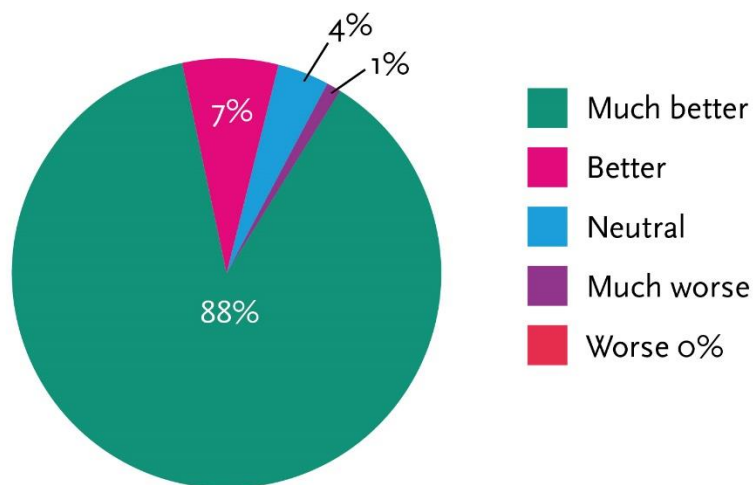
### Key Findings

- 50% of LIFE survey participants are female compared to systemwide 46%, *Customer Experience Survey 2022*
- 55% of LIFE survey participants are riding Metro multiple times a day.
- 72% rode Metro more frequently when using the free fares.
- More than 50% of LIFE survey participants have had to choose between spending money to ride LA Metro or spending it on other important needs.
  - When having to choose between spending money to ride LA Metro or spending it on other important needs, 29% of survey respondents used their money to pay the fare.
- When receiving free fares, LIFE survey participants spent the money they saved on food, housing cost, and home items.
- 95% of LIFE survey participants feel better or much better after receiving free fares.
  - The top three reasons why survey respondents felt better were because they worried less about money, felt less stressed, and were able to plan their day more easily.

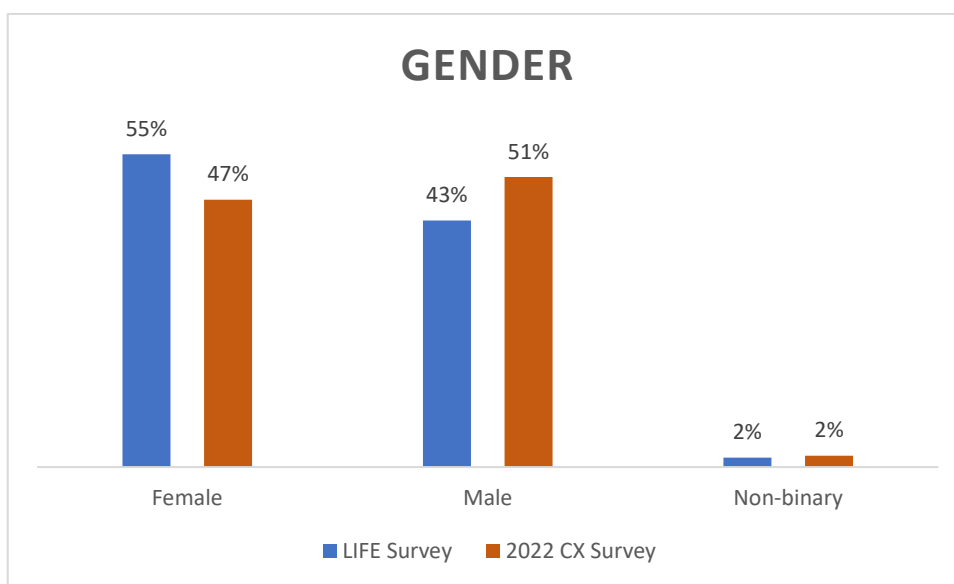
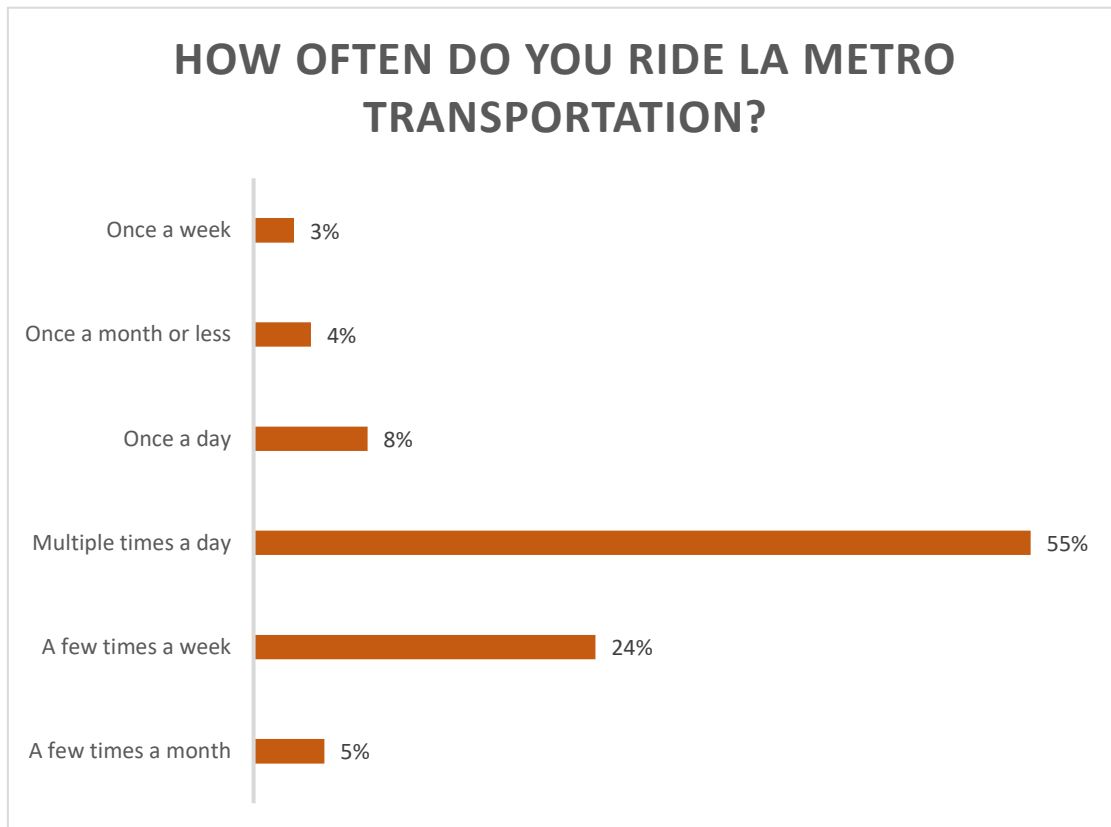
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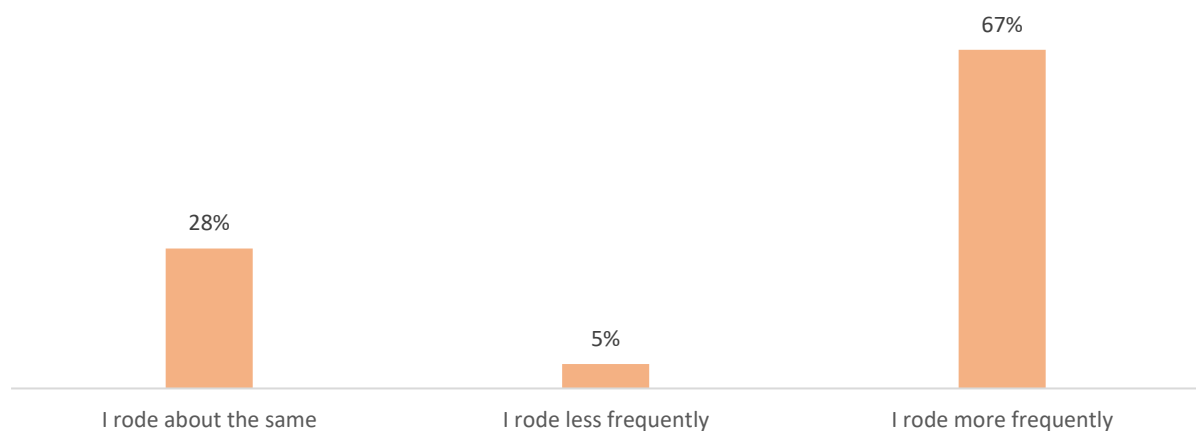
## After receiving free fares, how did you feel?



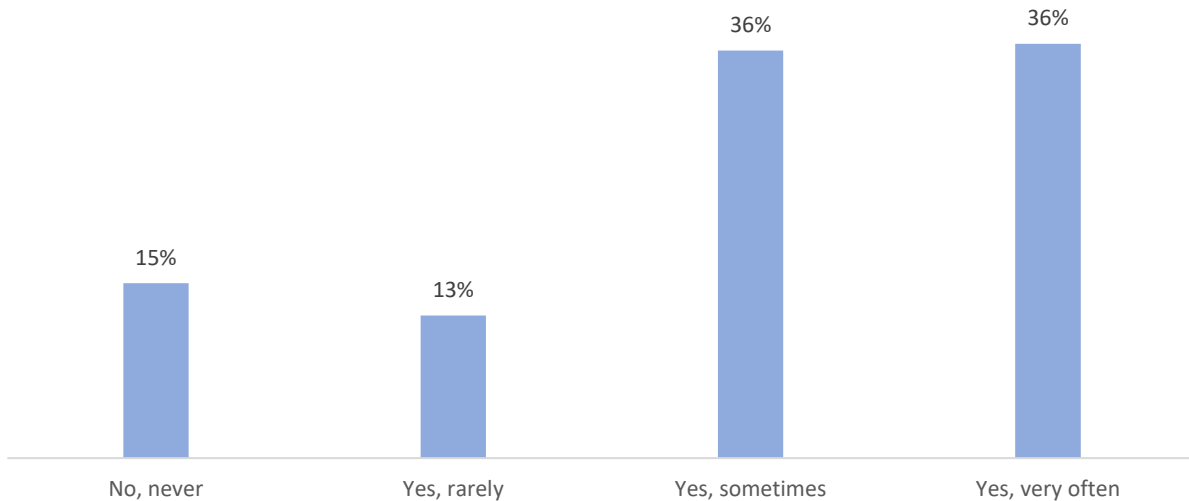
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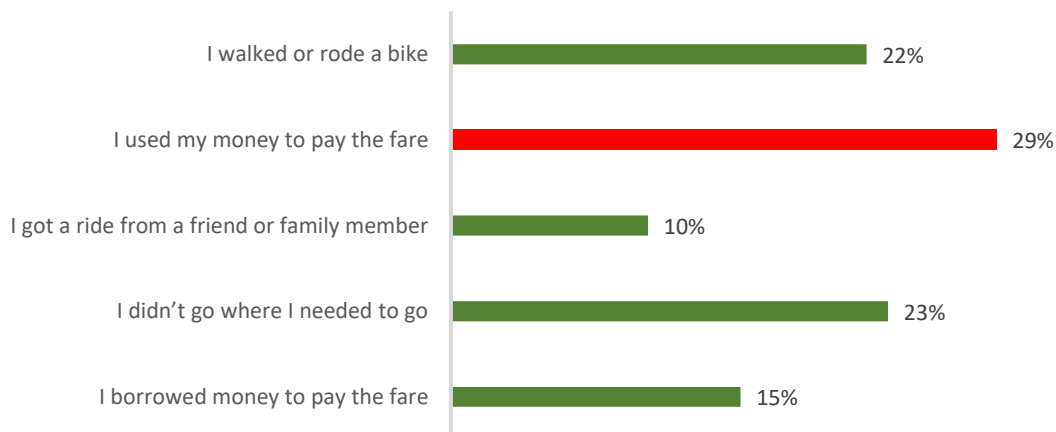
**PLEASE THINK ABOUT THE TIMES WHEN YOU  
HAVE RECEIVED FREE FARES, AND DID NOT  
HAVE TO PAY TO RIDE LA METRO  
TRANSPORTATION. DID THAT AFFECT HOW  
FREQUENTLY YOU RODE LA METRO  
TRANSPORTATION?**



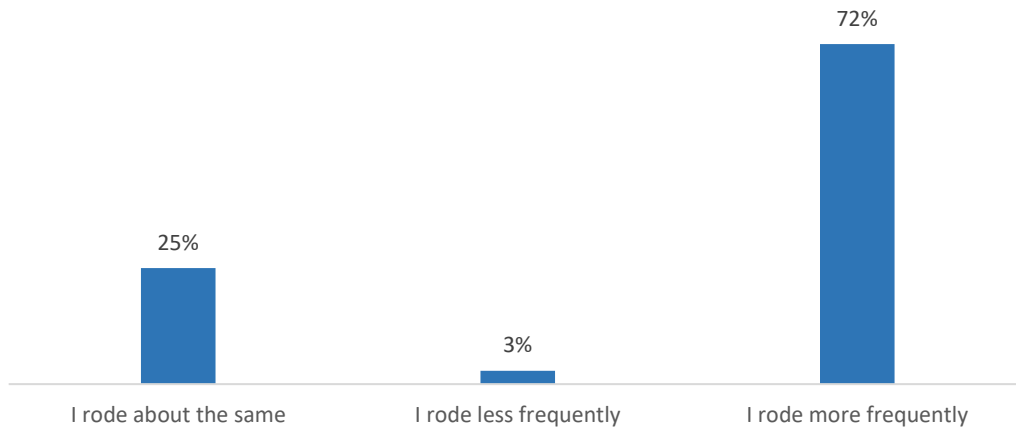
**HAVE YOU EVER HAD TO CHOOSE BETWEEN  
SPENDING YOUR MONEY TO RIDE LA METRO  
OR SPENDING IT ON OTHER IMPORTANT  
NEEDS (LIKE FOOD, RENT, CHILDCARE, HEALTH  
SERVICES, ETC.)?**



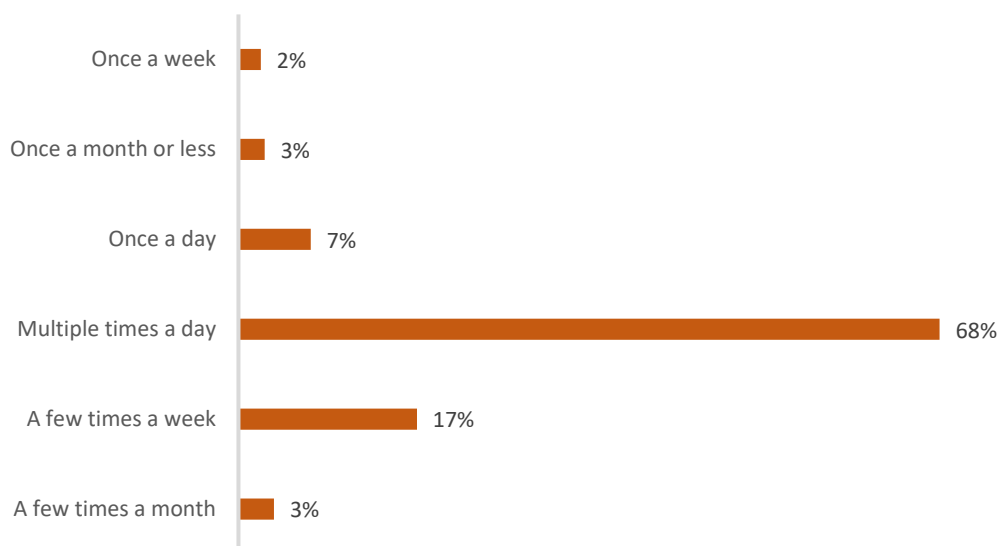
**WHEN YOU HAD TO CHOOSE BETWEEN  
SPENDING MONEY TO RIDE LA METRO OR  
SPENDING IT ON OTHER IMPORTANT  
NEEDS, WHICH STATEMENT BEST  
DESCRIBES YOUR DECISION?**



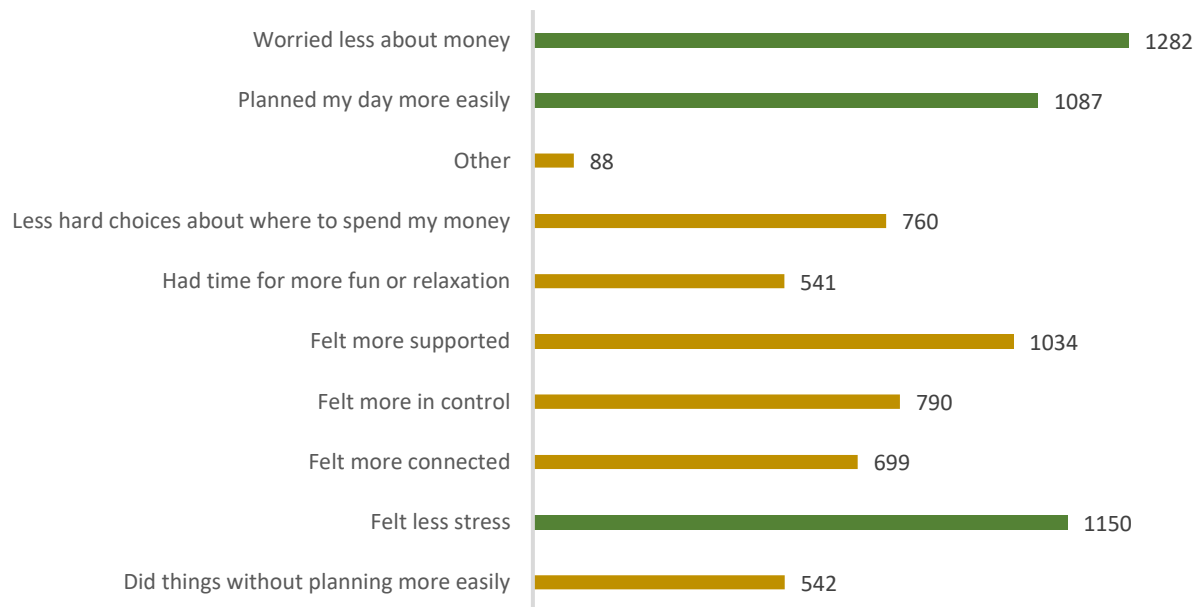
**PLEASE THINK ABOUT THE TIMES WHEN YOU RECEIVED FREE FARES, SUCH AS THE 90-DAY PROMOTIONAL PASS YOU RECEIVED WHEN YOU ENROLLED IN THE LIFE PROGRAM. DID THAT AFFECT HOW FREQUENTLY YOU RODE LA METRO TRANSPORTATION?**



**HOW OFTEN DID YOU RIDE LA METRO TRANSPORTATION WHEN YOU RECEIVED FREE FARES?**



**YOU MENTIONED YOU FELT BETTER WITH  
FREE FARES. *PLEASE SELECT ALL THE WAYS  
THAT YOU FELT BETTER***



**WHEN YOU RECEIVED FREE FARES, WHERE DID  
YOU SPEND THE MONEY YOU SAVED? *PLEASE  
SELECT ALL THAT APPLY***

