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1. Since January 1, 2008 has the cost of transportation fuels increased for your local government?
   Yes
   No

2. If "yes," what has been the percentage increase in the cost of transportation fuels in your community since January 1, 2008?
   Under 10%
   11%-15%
   16%-20%
   21%-25%
   More than 25%
   If more than 25%, please provide the %
   26%

3. What is your local government’s annual operating budget?
   $610,900,000

4. What percentage of your local government’s budget is spent on transportation costs for fleet vehicles, public works, and other governmental services?
   19%

5. Do you anticipate exceeding your transportation fuel budget for the year?
   Yes
   No

6. If "yes," how will the overage be covered?
   Reallocating funds in the existing budget
   Contingency funds set aside for unexpected emergencies
   Additional funds added to the current budget
   Service reductions
7. Which of the following steps is your local government taking to mitigate increasing transportation fuel costs?

- Buying futures of gasoline and/or diesel fuels
- Increasing fees for local government run buses and other transportation services (e.g., senior citizen shuttle buses)
- Reducing the frequency of some local services (e.g., reducing trash collection from twice to once a week)
- Purchasing alternative fuel vehicles
- Replacing vehicles with poor fuel efficiency
- Limiting employee use of local government owned cars in off hours (e.g., take-home cars)

Other (please describe)

8. Please rate the impact that rising fuel prices have on your local government’s ability to provide services.

- None
- Minimal
- Moderate
- Significant
- Major

9. Please share any thoughts or comments you have on the topic of transportation fuel costs.

Other (please describe)

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May 1, 2008

Dear ICMA In-Service Member:

With gas prices reaching nearly $4.00 a gallon in some areas of the country and further increases looming, we know many of you are being forced to stretch your tight local government dollars even further.

Over the past few days, ICMA has received a number of inquiries, including several from major newspapers, requesting information on how local governments are coping with current increases in fuel and transportation costs.

To help us collect information on this issue, please complete this quick poll on fuel-related challenges by or before close of business on Monday, May 5. The information will be compiled as quickly as possible, and we will post the results on ICMA’s homepage at icma.org.

Also, if you have a related program description or other written materials you are willing to share through the ICMA Resource Center, please forward those documents to Jessica Lawrence-Hurt at jlawrence@icma.org.

Thank you for your interest and quick response.

Sincerely,

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