

WINDSOR GARDENS: A TRAFFIC SURVEY

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Following is an unscientific survey of traffic patterns on Alameda Avenue during a 15-minute period.

	PICK-UP	SUV	CAR	TAXI	OTHER
EB	4	10	7	1	
WB	6	23	26	2	0
WGO		4	3		
WGI			1		1

The above statistics reflect a 15 minute period between 5:00 a.m. and 5:30 a.m. The official timing device was manufactured by GE being the timer on the electric stove in my unit.

The total number of vehicles counted were 89. Twenty three vehicles, 4 PU trucks, 10 SUVs, 7 Cars, 1 Taxi and 1 Large Truck were east bound. This means that roughly one fourth of the vehicles were taking Horace Greeley's advice to "Go West, young man." How many of these vehicles were actually driven by women, I do not know because I could not see the drivers.

As far as the total numbers go, the number of Cars vs. SUVs was the same count. However, only 10 SUVs were eastbound compared to 23 westbound and only 7 cars were eastbound vs. 26 Westbound. Then going either direction were a total of 10 pickup trucks, 3 taxis and a partridge in a pear tree (oh sorry, wrong survey), 1 large truck.

What the above shows is that there seem to be a slightly higher percentage of drivers who are not environmentally oriented in that, for purposes of this survey, the trucks were counted with the SUVs. Tree huggers say we have to have more people go green and the government says global warming does not exist.

As far as the separate survey, this was the survey of 8 vehicles coming and going in or out of Windsor Gardens. There was 1 vehicle out of 2 coming into WG, and that was a fire truck, presumably on a medical rescue mission or some sort. A fire would have had at least 2 trucks and a fire chief. Normally, there is an ambulance also entering after the truck, however I did not see one and I can only assume that the siren I heard over towards Havana meant that the ambulance was probably coming in off of Dayton.

The other vehicle entering was a car. There were 4 SUVs and 1 car left WG during this time period. I did not see the fire truck leave.

What all of this means is that more people were escaping from the funny farm we all call home and only one was coming in intending to stay. He/she must be insane. Since I did not see the fire truck leave, one can only assume they may be held captive somewhere on the property, perhaps by the Highline Canal, being guarded by the very active coyotes.

Actually, I love it here and I think the coyotes are cute as long as they are not too close. Crossing Alameda Avenue while dodging the westbound traffic four floors down is close enough.

