



Making TDM Boom with Boomers

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"Get Your Motor Runnin'
 Head out on the Highway"
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**How to Make TDM Programs BOOM
 with BOOMERS**
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 Tuesday, February 28 2006





The Boomer Opportunity

- Understanding Boomers Today
- Communicating with Boomers
- What to Do Next



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**Understanding TDM:
 The Numbers**



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Survey Says

Disagree	Neither disagree nor agree	Agree
11%	6%	83%


"When it comes to consumer marketing in general, I think it's important to customize marketing messages for each generation."

6%	9%	86%
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"When it comes to TDM marketing specifically, I think it's important to customize marketing messages for each generation."

69%	11%	11%
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"I think the TDM industry leaders do a good job in advancing an appreciation of how generational differences impact the market for ridesharing."



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Do You or Don't You?

Do you currently manage a TDM-related marketing communications program?

31%	69%
No	Yes

Do you currently customize your communication materials in targeting different generations? For example, do you market to Baby Boomers in a separate and different way than how you market to Gen Xers?

79%	11%	4%
No	No, but I plan on developing more	Yes



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Source: US Census

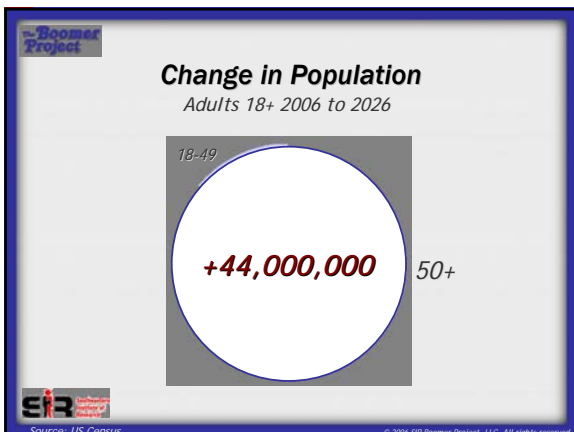
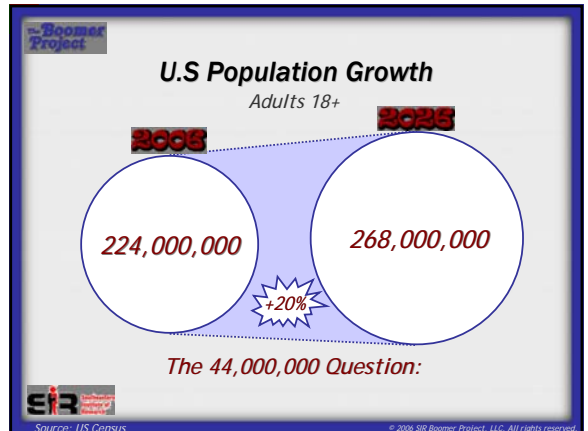
Are you a Baby Boomer?

GI Generation	1905-25	28,000,000
Silent Generation	1926-45	20,000,000
Baby Boomers	1946-64	76,000,000
Generation X	1965-82	50,000,000
Millenniums	1983-01	70,000,000

Source: US Census

One out of every **three** adults in America is a Baby Boomer.

Source: US Census



By 2025, **27** states will have 20% plus population over 65 – higher than the percent **Florida** has today.

Source: US Census

**Boomers
are
Transformers**

Society Transformers:

Business Transformers:

Infants	Food	Gerber
Kids	TV	Fads, Cereal
Teens	Convenience	McDonalds
Young Adults	Rebellion	VW, Honda
Adults	Exercise	Nike, Fitness
Parents	Transportation	Minivans
Over 50	Aging	???

**Understanding Boomers:
Their Mind-set**

Understanding Boomer Behavior:

Psychology	Season of Life
Sociology	Life Stages and Styles
Anthropology	Cultural Experiences

Psychology



**76 Million Taking
A New Road...**

We need a new rule book

50 THINGS EVERY MARKETER NEEDS TO KNOW ABOUT BOOMERS OVER 50

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Seven Tips for Making TDM Programs Boom with Boomers

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"Just Give Me Some Kind of Sign, Girl"
Provide Information & Make It Easy To Find

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1 More info, not less

What Boomers over 50 want from ads:

Give me info I need	<input type="text"/>	Top Two Box "Important" 91%
Make it easy for me to get more info	<input type="text"/>	91%

Question: Different things are important to different people. How important is it to you that advertisements do each of these?

Source: Boomer Project Nov 04 Study

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1 More info, not less

What Boomers over 50 want from ads:

	Scores of "A" or "B"	Top Two Box "Important"
Give me info I need	29%	91%
Make it easy for me to get more info	37%	91%

Question: Thinking about yourself and your impressions of the advertisements you see or hear, what grade would you give advertisements these days when it comes to these things?

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Implications:

- Educate, inform and enlighten
- Multiple points of distribution – on-air, online, on the bus, on the road
- Make it easy to **read**
- Make it easy to get more

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"Be Young, Be Foolish, And Be Happy"
Use Life Stage, Not Age,
in Boomer Communication Materials

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2 Age is relative, life stage isn't

Boomers feel younger than they are:

54 actual age	Gap of 14 years	40 perceived age
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Boomers 50+

Questions:
 In what year were you born?
 They say you are as old as you feel.
 In your mind, how old do you feel you are?

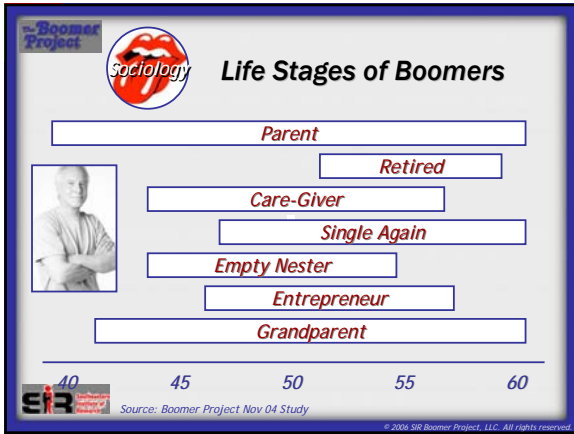
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Survey Says:

Q: At what age does "Middle Age" begin. At what age does "Old Age" begin?

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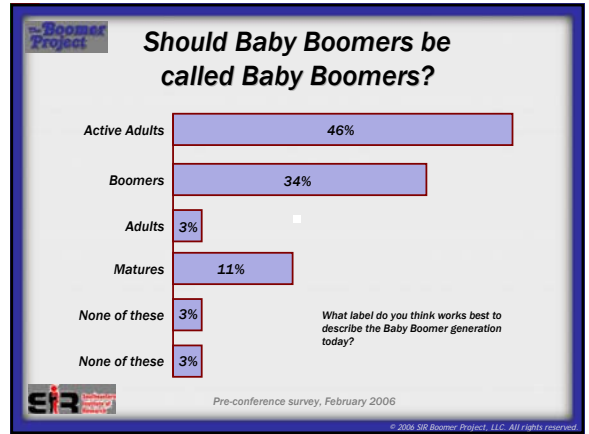
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Implications:

- Think "young" even as they grow older
- Try to avoid depicting them in your materials
- Use talent that appears 40ish, in situations right for the life stage

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"Don't Do Me Like That"
Don't Call Them Seniors!



Be careful what you call them

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3 "Boomers" fits best

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4 Use emotional appeals

"Second That Emotion"
Use Emotion When You Communicate

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4 Use emotional appeals

Rational


Younger

Emotional

How People Make Purchase Decisions

"Gut Feelings"

Older



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Now that you're 55 the road to retirement has gotten shorter.



Make sure you've got the right direction.



BMF Financial
The financial experts.

Ready to plan for the time of your life?



BMF Financial
Helping you ahead your own course.

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4 Use emotional appeals

"Gut Feelings"

- Companies focus on features
- Consumers focus on feelings

Ready to plan for the time of your life?



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Implications:

- Cloak your selling message in feelings and emotional benefits, not just rational product or service features.
- Don't present just facts
- Present more and more reasons to consider making smart travel choice.

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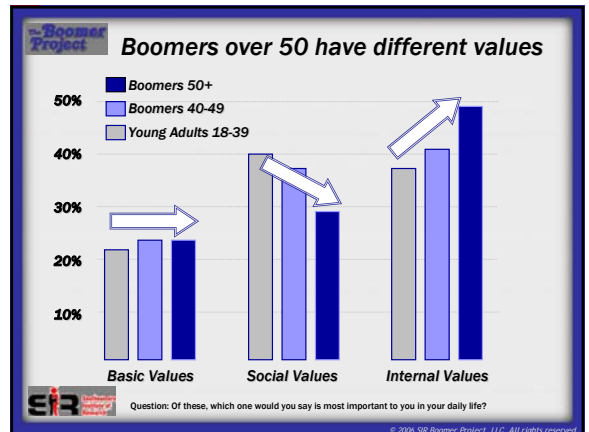
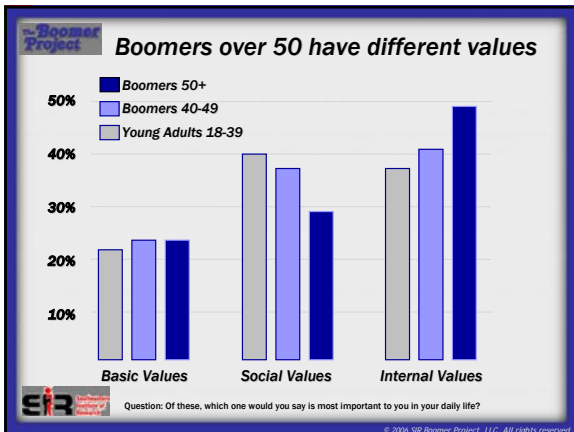
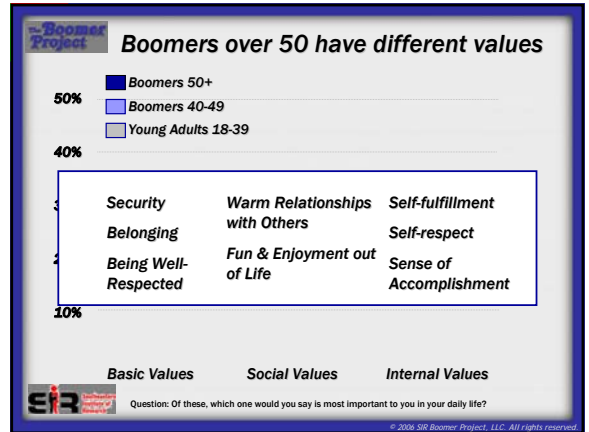
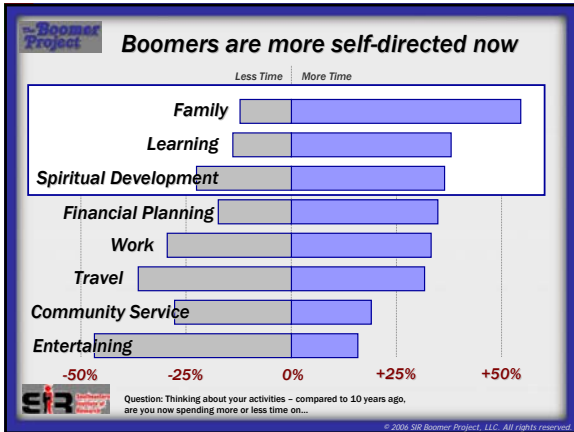
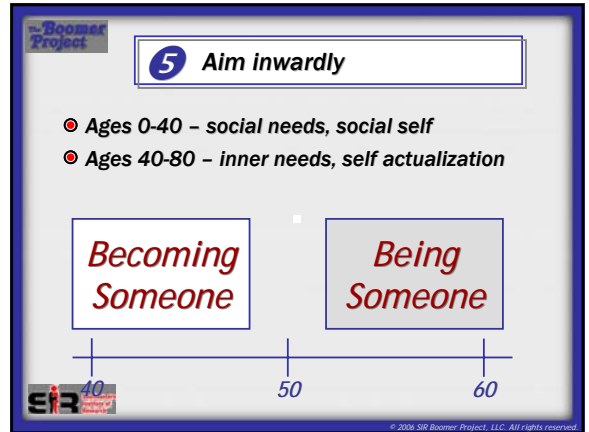
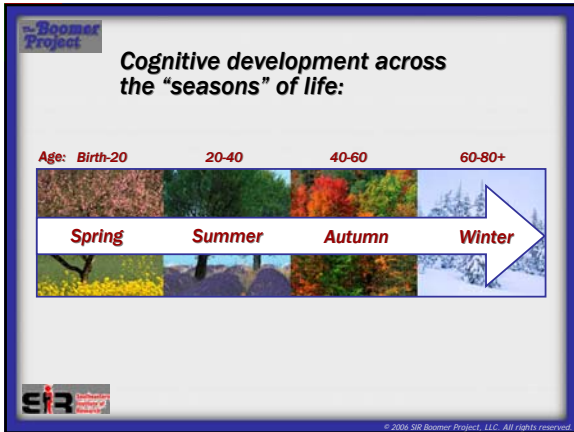
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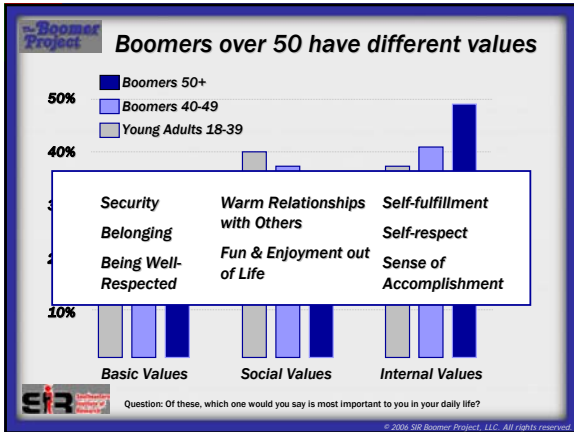
"There Is A Season ... Turn, Turn, Turn"

Position Transportation Choices as ways to meet Boomers' Inner Needs

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Conclusion: Make it personal

Implications:

- Won't follow the crowd, but will do what the crowd does if it makes sense
- Present social benefits in a personal context

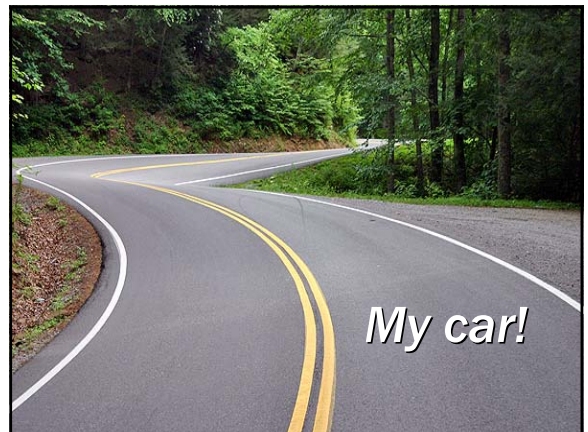
Stop being so frustrated with traffic congestion
 ... be smarter with your time - read, listen, think
 ... minimize your impact
 ... and save money

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"Are You Experienced?"
Give Boomers Exceptional Experiences

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The Perfect "Escape Pod"



- Ready when you are 24/7
- Safe
- Phone at your fingertips
- Entertainment on demand
 - Six player CD
 - Books on tape
- Smooth and sound proof
- Heated, luxury seats
- Say anything you want ...

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Think "Experiences"

Implications:

- Make commuter bus services and vanpools more **enjoyable**
 - No cell phone rail cars for quiet working
 - Satellite TV and radio
 - Video conferencing
 - Movie and news broadcasting
 - Wi-Fi
 - Covered shelters

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"Touch Of Gray"
Offer Choices & Solutions

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Absolutes **"It Depends"** **Absolutes**



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Age and mental processes

<p>Young Adults</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● More rigid ● More constrained by perception of rules ● Perceptions and beliefs are more absolute or black-and-white in nature. 	<p>Older Adults</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● More experiences ● Likely to hold two opposing views ● Able to argue pro or con for either side ● Perceptions are more flexible and varied
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Conclusion: Sell Choices

Implications:

- Stay away from absolutes — "the best way"... "the only way."
- Sell **options, choices, alternatives** rather than carpool or transit
- Advance the benefits of each option without comparative claims.
- Let Boomers arrive at their own conclusions of what's best for them.

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The new rule book

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Impact of 76 Million Boomers on Transportation

- More off-peak travel
- Expanded service areas
- Door-to-door private bus pools
- Greater use of passes and one "master ticket" for multi-modes
- Greater number of low-floor buses
- More bus shelters with real-time headway updates
- Greater level of security patrols at stations and on board
- Greater use of security cameras
- Greater number of handicap and preferential parking spaces
- Better lighting everywhere
- Network of shelters, sidewalks, crosswalks and bike trails
- Greater use of 511 – telephone and online
- Personalized transportation trip planning provided by quality of life consultants
- LARGER TYPE ON ALL SIGNS, BROCHURES & WEBSITES

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