2011 Statewide Transportation Survey

Comparison of Main & Public Survey Results
# Main & Public Survey Interviews by RTPO

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Overall Attitudes about the Washington’s Transportation System
Q1. How urgent do you feel it is to make sure Washington’s transportation system works effectively today and into the future? (*not asked relative to other state priorities)

**Maintaining an Effective Transportation System**

**Main Survey**
- Mean: 6.08
- Urgent (5-7): 90%
- Not urgent (1-3): 4%

**Public Survey**
- Mean: 6.36
- Urgent (5-7): 95%
- Not urgent (1-3): 2%

- **7: Extremely Urgent**
  - Main: 59%
  - Public: 45%

- **6**
  - Main: 31%
  - Public: 27%

- **5**
  - Main: 14%
  - Public: 9%

- **4**
  - Main: 6%
  - Public: 3%

- **3**
  - Main: 2%
  - Public: 1%

- **2**
  - Main: 1%
  - Public: 1%

- **1**
  - Main: 1%
  - Public: 1%

1: Not at all Urgent
Q1. Maintaining an Effective Transportation System

% Urgent (5-7)

Main Survey: 90%

Public Survey: 95% (+5)

Overall urgency and intensity is higher in the Public survey, although both are high.
Q2. Using an A, B, C, D or F grading scale, how would you rate Washington’s transportation system overall?

Q7. How would you rate the transportation system in your local area - that is in your city or town and the areas immediately surrounding it?

Q9. How would you rate the transportation system in your region – that is in your county and nearby counties?

Q2, 7, & 9. Transportation System Grade

Similar results in both surveys
Improving the Grade

Q3. [“B” or less in Q2] In your mind, what changes would need to be made to our state’s transportation system to improve the grade you gave?

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Public survey respondents heavily transit focused.
Q4. What grade would you give the state for spending transportation dollars responsibly?

55%: “C” or better

Main Survey

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50%: “C” or better

Public Survey

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* The Public survey included an “E” response which has been coded as “Below Average.”

**Similar grades in both surveys**
Q5. What grade would you give the state for making sure your area of the state gets a fair share of transportation funding?

59%: “C” or better

Main Survey

- Above Average: 33%
- Average: 26%
- Below Average: 22%
- Not sure: 19%

Public Survey

- Above Average: 32%
- Average: 27%
- Below Average: 23%
- Not sure: 18%

* The Public survey included an “E” response which has been coded as “Below Average.”

Similar grades in both surveys
Q6. What grade would you give the state for completing transportation projects on schedule?

Main Survey:
- 37% Above Average
- 26% Average
- 21% Below Average
- 17% Not sure

Public Survey:
- 38% Above Average
- 26% Average
- 20% Below Average
- 16% Not sure

63%: “C” or better
64%: “C” or better

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Similar grades in both surveys
Transportation Priorities
Q12. There are a number of objectives our transportation system is designed to meet. If you had **100 points** to divide between the five objectives below, how many points would you assign to each objective?

For example, if you assign 25 points to “improving safety” that means you think “improving safety” should get 25% of the focus. The total for the 5 objectives should add up to 100 points.

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<td>Maintaining the system: preserving and extending the life of our current transportation system through ongoing maintenance of our roads, bridges, transit systems, ferries, sidewalks and bike paths</td>
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<td>Increasing capacity: improving the movement of goods and people through things like widening existing roads, and building new roads to accommodate our growing population and to connect more remote communities</td>
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<td>Expanding travel options: giving people more options for getting around through things like expanded public transit, more passenger rail, carpooling and bike and pedestrian improvements</td>
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<td>Protecting the environment: promoting transportation investments that help reduce air and water pollution, conserve energy and minimize impacts on the environment</td>
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**Similar results with higher transit focus and lower capacity focus in Public survey.**
Q14-Q24. Please indicate how important each of the following transportation components is to you.

**Main Survey**

- **Q14) Maintenance**
  - 51% Extremely important
  - 33% Very important
  - 14% Important
  - 5% Less important
  - 5% Not important
  - Total: 85%

- **Q18) Passenger rail**
  - 35% Extremely important
  - 21% Very important
  - 17% Important
  - 8% Less important
  - 7% Not important
  - Total: 55%

- **Q17) Expand transit**
  - 28% Extremely important
  - 23% Very important
  - 21% Important
  - 11% Less important
  - 7% Not important
  - Total: 51%

- **Q15) More roads**
  - 28% Extremely important
  - 23% Very important
  - 22% Important
  - 14% Less important
  - 5% Not important
  - Total: 51%

- **Q21) Ferry system**
  - 19% Extremely important
  - 27% Very important
  - 21% Important
  - 15% Less important
  - 10% Not important
  - Total: 46%

- **Q16) Year-round roads**
  - 17% Extremely important
  - 26% Very important
  - 22% Important
  - 13% Less important
  - 8% Not important
  - Total: 44%

- **Q23) Port infrastructure**
  - 14% Extremely important
  - 26% Very important
  - 18% Important
  - 16% Less important
  - 6% Not important
  - Total: 40%

- **Q24) Enforcement/safety**
  - 16% Extremely important
  - 21% Very important
  - 24% Important
  - 15% Less important
  - 8% Not important
  - Total: 38%

- **Q20) Sidewalks**
  - 15% Extremely important
  - 22% Very important
  - 23% Important
  - 14% Less important
  - 8% Not important
  - Total: 37%

- **Q19) Bike lanes**
  - 14% Extremely important
  - 16% Very important
  - 21% Important
  - 20% Less important
  - 11% Not important
  - Total: 30%

- **Q22) Regional airports**
  - 6% Extremely important
  - 17% Very important
  - 23% Important
  - 14% Less important
  - 10% Not important
  - Total: 23%
Q14-Q24. Please indicate how important each of the following transportation components is to you.

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5 - Extremely important  
4 - Important
### Investments

Q14-Q24. This table shows the importance of the 11 transportation investments ranked by color—green squares indicate the most important investments followed by yellow, and then red for the lowest rated. Scanning the table for green squares indicates which investments are most important among Statewide respondents in the Main and Public surveys.

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*Maintenance is strongest in both surveys; non-roads priorities more popular among respondents in the Public survey.*
Open End Questions on Transportation Priorities
Local Transportation Priorities

Q8. What do you think is the most urgent transportation priority facing your local area?

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*Higher transit focus in Public survey – high percentage of “other.”*
## Regional Transportation Priorities

**Q10. Outside of your local area, what do you think is the most urgent transportation priority facing your region?**

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*Higher transit focus in Public survey – high percentage of “other.”*
Rest-of-WA Transportation Priorities

Q11. Thinking about the rest of the state, what do you think is the most urgent transportation priority outside of your region?

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*Higher transit focus in Public survey – high percentage of “other.”*
Q13. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement:
The State has enough revenue to keep our transportation system safe, effective and properly maintained.

Main Survey
- 43% Agree
- 16% Strongly Agree
- 27% Somewhat Agree
- 17% Not sure
- 22% Somewhat Disagree
- 18% Strongly Disagree

Public Survey
- 31% Agree
- 12% Strongly Agree
- 19% Somewhat Agree
- 9% Not sure
- 29% Somewhat Disagree
- 31% Strongly Disagree

Much higher awareness of revenue problems in Public survey.
Q25. In general, would you support or oppose raising some transportation taxes and fees to increase funding for those transportation elements you feel are important?

**Main Survey**
- Support: 59% (Smwt 38%, Strg 21%)
- Oppose: 36% (Smwt 16%, Strg 20%)
- Not sure: 4%

**Public Survey**
- Support: 77% (+18) (Smwt 39%)
- Oppose: 21% (-15) (Smwt 9%, Strg 12%)
- Not sure: 2%

*Much higher support for new revenue in Public survey.*
Q27. Over the next 20 years, our state will need to fund more than $64 billion in state transportation needs. This amount does not include the long-term unfunded transportation needs of cities, counties and local transit agencies. Current transportation revenues are already dedicated to paying for existing projects ...

No change in either survey after informed message.
Support for New Revenue After Benefits

Q46. This survey has highlighted a number of different benefits of increased transportation funding. Given all of this, would you support or oppose increasing some transportation taxes and fees to meet our transportation system’s needs?

**Main Survey**

- **Support**: 62%
  - Strg 19%
  - Smwt 44%
- **Oppose**: 35%
  - Strg 19%
  - Smwt 15%
- **Not sure**: 3%

**Public Survey**

- **Support**: 78%
  - Strg 35%
  - Smwt 43%
- **Oppose**: 20%
  - Strg 12%
  - Smwt 8%
- **Not sure**: 2%

*Slight increase in both surveys after benefits messages.*
Q39-Q44. There are a number of benefits that come from increased long term investments in our transportation system. For each of the following, please indicate how important that benefit is to you in terms of justifying additional taxes to fund new investments in our transportation system.

**Main Survey**

- Q44) Preserving Infrastructure: 44% (5 - Extremely important), 35% (4 - Important), 79%
- Q40) Reducing Congestion: 43% (5), 29% (4), 72%
- Q43) Expanding Transit: 41% (5), 21% (4), 62%
- Q39) Creating Jobs: 34% (5), 29% (4), 63%
- Q41) Boosting Trade: 31% (5), 32% (4), 64%
- Q42) Year Round Roads: 18% (5), 28% (4), 45%

**Public Survey**

- Q44) Preserving Infrastructure: 48% (5), 34% (4), 82%
- Q40) Reducing Congestion: 39% (5), 29% (4), 67%
- Q43) Expanding Transit: 55% (5), 18% (4), 73%
- Q39) Creating Jobs: 33% (5), 28% (4), 60%
- Q41) Boosting Trade: 25% (5), 34% (4), 58%
- Q42) Year Round Roads: 13% (5), 24% (4), 38%
Q39-Q44. This table shows the 6 benefits messages ranked by importance using color – green squares indicate the most important messages followed by yellow, and then red for the lowest rated. Scanning the table for green squares indicates which messages are most important in the Main and Public surveys.

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Preserving infrastructure is strongest in both surveys. Expanding transit significantly stronger in Public survey.
**Benefits of Increased Funding**

Q26. Regardless of whether you favor or oppose increasing some transportation taxes and fees, what do you think would be the top two benefits of increased funding for Washington’s transportation system?

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*Transit mentions significantly higher in Public survey.*
### Positive Changes

**Q45. What transportation changes or improvements would impact your life in a positive way?**

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*Transit mentions higher in Public survey – high percentage of “other.”*
**Preferred Revenue Sources – Main Survey**

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**Much higher support generally in the Public survey – particularly after the top two (Emissions fee and EV Licensing). 7 of 9 sources have majority support in Public survey.**
Q37. Transportation fees like vehicle licenses, permits and other fees are fixed amounts and do not change with inflation. This means that even as transportation costs increase, these fees stay flat creating funding challenges for key transportation programs like law enforcement, traffic safety and aviation. In general, would you support or oppose having these transportation fees rise with rate of inflation, so that they provide a more stable funding source?

**Main Survey**

- **Support**: 56%
  - Smwt: 41%
  - Strg: 15%
- **Oppose**: 40%
  - Smwt: 17%
  - Strg: 22%
- **Not sure**: 5%

**Public Survey**

- **Support**: 70% (+14)
  - Smwt: 43%
- **Oppose**: 27% (-13)
  - Smwt: 13%
  - Strg: 14%
- **Not sure**: 3%

**Support for indexing fees significantly higher in Public survey.**
Q38. A combination of inflation, changing driving habits and increased fuel economy of vehicles means the state gas tax brings in less money each year. This creates a growing transportation funding shortfall. In general, would you support or oppose having the gas tax rise with the rate of inflation so that it provides a more stable funding source?

**Main Survey**

- Support: 41%
  - Smwt: 27%
  - Strg: 14%
- Oppose: 57%
  - Smwt: 22%
  - Strg: 35%
- Not sure: 4%

**Public Survey**

- Support: 61% (+20)
  - Smwt: 35%
  - Strg: 26%
- Oppose: 37% (-20)
  - Smwt: 17%
  - Strg: 20%
- Not sure: 3%

*Majority support for indexing gas tax in Public survey.*
Tolling
Q47. In general, do you support or oppose tolling as a way to help pay for major state transportation projects?

**Initial Support for Tolling**

**Main Survey**
- Support: 59% (Smwt 39%, Strg 20%)
- Oppose: 38% (Smwt 17%, Strg 21%)
- Not sure: 4%

**Public Survey**
- Support: 67% (Smwt 37%, Strg 30%)
- Oppose: 31% (Smwt 13%, Strg 18%)
- Not sure: 2%

*Initial support higher overall and greater intensity in Public survey.*
Q48. One argument for using tolls to help pay for major state projects is that those who use and benefit the most from a project pay a bigger share of the cost. That means that less money is required from the rest of the state.

Informed Support for Tolling

Main Survey

Support: 66%

Oppose: 31%

Not sure: 3%

Public Survey

Support: 72%

Oppose: 27%

Not sure: 2%

Informed support higher overall and greater intensity in Public survey.
Q49. Tolls that change based on traffic volumes or time of day and day of week are known as variable tolls. Variable tolls help reduce congestion by encouraging people to shift optional trips to less busy times of the day, thus reducing congestion during the busiest times of the day. The idea is similar to the way movie theaters charge less for matinees to get people to come to the theater at less busy times.

**Support for Variable Tolling**

**Main Survey**
- Support: 35% Smwt, 14% Strg, 27% Not sure
- Oppose: 34% Smwt, 20% Strg
- Not sure: 4%

**Public Survey**
- Support: 33% Smwt, 14% Strg
- Oppose: 32% Smwt, 14% Strg
- Not sure: 3%

**Similar support in both surveys.**
Q50. Express Toll Lanes, also referred to as High Occupancy Toll (HOT) lanes, allow people traveling alone to pay a toll to use the High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes. The toll amount changes based on traffic flow so that the HOV lane doesn’t slow down.

**Main Survey**

- **Support**: 63% (Strg 34%, Smwt 29%)
- **Oppose**: 32% (Strg 13%, Smwt 19%)
- **Not sure**: 5%

**Public Survey**

- **Support**: 64% (Strg 34%, Smwt 30%)
- **Oppose**: 35% (Strg 15%, Smwt 20%)
- **Not sure**: 2%

*Similar support in both surveys.*
Use of Toll Revenue

Q51. Which of the following statements is closest to your opinion:

**Main Survey**
- Toll $$ should be available w/in a travel corridor: 51%
- Toll $$ should only be spent where collected: 37%
- Not sure: 12%

**Public Survey**
- Toll $$ should be available w/in a travel corridor: 60% (+9)
- Toll $$ should only be spent where collected: 32% (-5)
- Not sure: 9%

*Significantly wider margin for “corridor” in Public survey.*
Transit, Passenger Rail and State Ferries
Q52. The state primarily provides funding for state highways, bridges, & the ferry system, as well as providing funding to cities & counties for transportation needs. Local jurisdictions and the federal government provide most of the funding for transit. Do you support or oppose providing more state funding for public transit and passenger rail?

Q52. More State Funds for Transit/Passenger Rail

- **Main Survey**
  - Strongly Support: 30%
  - Somewhat Support: 33%
  - Not sure: 6%
  - Somewhat Oppose: 14%
  - Strongly Oppose: 16%

- **Public Survey**
  - Strongly Support: 52%
  - Somewhat Support: 25%
  - Not sure: 2%
  - Somewhat Oppose: 10%
  - Strongly Oppose: 11%

**Significantly stronger support for transit funding in Public survey.**
Q53. State gas tax revenues also help fund the Washington State Ferry system. Do you support or oppose using state transportation funds to help maintain and operate the Washington State Ferry system?

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**Much higher initial support in Public survey.**
Q54. Washington State ferries carry 23 million passengers a year and are part of the state highway system just like bridges or highways. Ferry users pay about 70% of the ferry’s operational costs and state tax revenues provide the other 30%. The state also fully funds the capital needs of the ferry system, such as buying new boats and making ferry terminal improvements. Knowing this, do you support or oppose using state funds to help maintain and operate the WA State Ferry system?

Informed Support for Ferries

Main Survey

- 64% Support
  - Smwt: 37%
  - Strg: 27%
- 31% Oppose
  - Smwt: 18%
  - Strg: 13%
- 5% Not sure

Public Survey

- 74% (+10) Support
  - Smwt: 33%
    - Strg: 41%
- 22% (-9) Oppose
  - Smwt: 14%
    - Strg: 8%
- 4% Not sure

Informed support does not change in Public survey.
THANK YOU!

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