

Washington State Transportation Commission Survey
Overall Statewide Survey Results
 n=5673; MOE = \pm 1.3 points
 October 19th – November 3rd 2013
 EMC #13-5031

Data from 2012 is included where the same questions were asked in 2013.

Thank you for taking the Washington State Transportation Commissions survey and letting decision makers know what is most important to you. Let's get started.

1. How urgent do you feel it is to make sure Washington's transportation system works effectively today and into the future?

1 – Not at all urgent	1%
2	2%
3	3%
4	7%
5	18%
6	28%
7 – Extremely Urgent	40%
Not Sure	1%

MEAN **5.85**

DEFINITION: When we say "Washington State's transportation system" we mean the roads, highways, bridges, public transit, rail, ferries, airports, sidewalks, and bike lanes that connect the state to move people and goods. You can pause and finish the survey later by clicking Save Work and Do Later.

2. How would you rate Washington's transportation system overall?

	2012	2013
A: Excellent	2%	1%
B: Above Average	24%	19%
C: Average	45%	48%
D: Below Average	21%	24%
F: Failing	7%	7%
Not Sure	1%	1%
	} 26	} 20 (-6)
	} 28	} 31 (+3)

DEFINITION: When we say "Washington State's transportation system" we mean the roads, highways, bridges, public transit, rail, ferries, airports, sidewalks, and bike lanes that connect the state to move people and goods.

3. In your opinion, what changes would need to be made to our states transportation system to improve the grade you gave?(Please type your responses in the box below)

Included in separate document

4. What grade would you give the state for making sure your area of the state gets a fair share of transportation funding?

	2012	2013
A: Excellent	3%	3%
B: Above Average	14%	17%
C: Average	36%	36%
D: Below Average	24%	22%
F: Failing	11%	10%
Not Sure	12%	12%
	} 17	} 20 (+3)
	} 35	} 32 (-3)

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

	2012	2013
A: Excellent	3%	2%
B: Above Average	20%	18%
C: Average	42%	42%
D: Below Average	26%	28%
F: Failing	9%	9%
Not Sure	0%	1%
	} 23	} (-3)
	} 35	} 37 (+2)

DEFINITION: When we say the transportation system in “your local area” we mean any roads, highways, bridges, public transit, rail, ferries, airports, sidewalks, or bike lanes that connect your city or town and the areas immediately surrounding it to move people and goods.

6. Our transportation system is designed to meet a number of objectives. 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 move the slider bar to 25 for “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.)

6_1. Expanding travel options: Giving people more options for getting around by investing in public transit, passenger rail, HOV lanes, and bike, pedestrian and other improvements	20 pts.
6_2. Improving safety: Making our roads, bridges, transit systems, airports, ferries, sidewalks and bike lanes safer through improved design and increased enforcement	16 pts.
6_3. 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 lanes.	29 pts.
6_4. Increasing capacity: Improving the movement of goods and people through capacity upgrades like widening existing roads and building new roads and bridges to accommodate our growing population and connect remote communities.	22 pts.
6_5. Protecting the environment: Promoting transportation investments that help reduce air and water pollution, conserve energy and minimize impacts on the environment.	13 pts.
	out of 100 Total

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement:

7. Washington State needs additional revenue to keep our transportation system safe, effective and properly maintained.

	2012	2013
Strongly Agree	29%	28%
Somewhat Agree	33%	31%
Somewhat Disagree	17%	16%
Strongly Disagree	16%	19%
Not Sure	5%	6%
	} 62	} 59 (-3)
	} 33	} 35 (+2)

DEFINITION: When we say “Washington State’s transportation system” we mean the roads, highways, bridges, public transit, rail, ferries, airports, sidewalks, and bike lanes that connect the state to move people and goods.

For each statement, please indicate how important each of the following transportation components is to you. 1= Not at all Important, 5=Extremely Important.

	1	2	3	4	5	Not Sure	MEAN
	Not at all important			Extremely important			
8. Improving regional airports	17%	30%	36%	10%	3%	3%	2.50
9. Operating and maintaining Washington's ferry system	10%	16%	33%	24%	16%	1%	3.22
10. Increasing law enforcement and public safety efforts on our state highways	11%	23%	36%	18%	10%	1%	2.93
11. Making sure rural roads and mountain passes remain open year round	8%	23%	34%	22%	11%	1%	3.07
12. Adding or increasing intercity passenger rail service	18%	16%	19%	22%	24%	1%	3.18
13. Improving roads and infrastructure at shipping ports to move freight and goods	7%	19%	39%	21%	10%	4%	3.07
14. Expanding public transit services like buses, vanpools, and dial-a-ride	14%	16%	21%	23%	26%	0%	3.31
15. Building bike lanes	35%	23%	19%	13%	10%	1%	2.40
16. Widening and building more roads and highways	14%	19%	26%	23%	17%	1%	3.09
17. Building or improving sidewalks	13%	27%	32%	18%	10%	1%	2.84
18. Maintaining and repairing existing roads, highways, and bridges	0%	2%	14%	35%	49%	0%	4.31
19. Minimizing weather closures of roads and highways from snow and flooding	6%	21%	39%	24%	9%	1%	3.09

20. In general would you support or oppose raising some transportation taxes and fees to increase funding for those transportation elements you feel are important?

	2011	2012	2013
Strongly Support	21%	19%	26%
Somewhat Support	38%	32%	34%
Somewhat Oppose	16%	17%	14%
Strongly Oppose	20%	29%	23%
Not Sure	4%	3%	3%
	} 59	} 51	} 60
	} 37	} 46	} 37

**2011 and 2013 wording was identical - 2012 did NOT include "for those elements you feel are important".*

*

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 for our transportation system.

	1	2	3	4	5	Not Sure	MEAN
	Not at all important			Extremely important			
21. Year Round Roads: Investments in our transportation system that will improve the ability of rural and urban residents to get where they need to go at all times of the year.	9%	21%	36%	22%	10%	1%	3.02
22. Boosting Trade: Investments in our transportation system that will ensure that trade-dependent industries and jobs stay here. Our state depends heavily on trade - Washington's exports were more than \$50 billion in 2009.	7%	13%	33%	30%	16%	1%	3.37
23. Expanding Transit: Investments in our transportation system that will expand public transit and passenger rail to give people more options to get around without a car which helps take cars off the road and reduces congestion for everyone.	14%	13%	17%	20%	36%	1%	3.51
24. Preserving Infrastructure: Investments in our transportation system that will extend the life of our roads, bridges, transit, and ferries and keep them safe. The longer we wait, the more we will end up paying because infrastructure that could have been repaired will have to be replaced.	2%	3%	16%	35%	43%	1%	4.15
25. Creating Jobs: Investments in our transportation system that will boost local and regional economies and create jobs both directly in the construction industry and indirectly with the many businesses and service industries that rely on the transportation system to move their goods and products and deliver services.	9%	13%	32%	28%	17%	1%	3.31
26. Reducing Congestion: Investments in our transportation system that will reduce congestion and allow us to spend less time sitting in traffic, benefiting people and businesses in our state.	5%	9%	23%	30%	31%	1%	3.73

27. 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?

Strongly Support	26%	} 61
Somewhat Support	35%	
Somewhat Oppose	14%	} 36
Strongly Oppose	22%	
Not Sure	2%	

DEFINITION: When we say “Washington State’s transportation system” we mean the roads, highways, bridges, public transit, rail, ferries, airports, sidewalks, and bike lanes that connect the state to move people and goods.

28. Please think about all the trips you make from home during a typical week such as going to work, running errands, or going to appointments. Approximately what percentage of those trips per week are done by:

28_1. Driving alone in your vehicle	55%
28_2. Carpooling or driving with someone else	23%
28_3. Riding public transit	12%
28_4. Riding a motorcycle	1%
28_5. Riding a bicycle or walking instead of driving or taking transit	7%
28_6. Traveling some other way	2%

29. How many miles do you drive in an average year?(Best estimate: for example 7,500)

Less than 5000 miles	19%
5000 to 9999 miles	35%
10000 to 14999 miles	26%
15000 to 19999 miles	9%
20000 or more miles	9%
Refused/Not Sure	3%

30. Would you describe the area you live in as:

Urban/City	31%
Suburban	32%
Rural	37%

31. If you have any additional comments or suggestions regarding transportation issues, please type them here.

Included in separate document

Gender

Male	47%
Female	51%
Refused/Prefer not to answer	2%

Age Range

18-34	14%
35-44	14%
45-54	17%
55-64	25%
65+	24%
Refused	6%