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## METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION





Bay Area Regional Transportation Measure
Voter Survey Report
Metropolitan Transportation Commission
February 2025

## **Survey Methodology**



Likely November 2026 voters, conducted January 14-30, 2025 Multimodal: live telephone interviewing and email/text invitations to an online survey Three-way split-sample methodology Available in English, Spanish, and Chinese

#### 1A: 1/2 Cent Sales Tax - 4-County

(n=850, MoE ±3.4)

To prevent increased traffic congestion; avoid major cuts to BART, Caltrain, AC Transit, Muni and other transit services; preserve transportation services for seniors/persons with disabilities; address transit safety/ cleanliness; advance climate protection; reduce air pollution; prevent station closures; and maintain public transportation service for those who need it; shall the measure enacting a 1/2 cent sales tax for 10 years generating at least \$560,000,000 annually, with required public audits and accountability/transparency provisions, be adopted?

#### **Hybrid: 1/2 Cent + Parcel Taxes - 9-County**

 $(n=1,350, MoE \pm 2.7)$ 

To prevent increased traffic congestion; maintain BART, Caltrain, AC Transit, Muni, and other transit services; preserve transportation services for seniors/persons with disabilities; address transit safety/ cleanliness; advance climate protection; reduce air pollution; repair potholes/ sidewalks; upgrade highways; and enhance bike access; shall the measure enacting a ½ cent sales tax and \$0.09 per building square-foot parcel tax for 30 years generating at least \$1,300,000,000 annually, with required public audits and accountability/ transparency provisions, be adopted?

#### Variable: 1/2-7/8 Cent Sales Tax - 4-County

(n=850, MoE ±3.4)

To prevent increased traffic congestion; maintain BART, Caltrain, AC Transit, Muni, and other transit services; preserve transportation services for seniors/ persons with disabilities; address transit safety and cleanliness; advance climate protection; reduce air pollution; and prevent station closures shall the measure enacting a % cent (San Francisco) and a ½ cent (Alameda, Contra Costa, San Mateo counties) sales tax for 11 years generating at least **\$640,000,000 annually**, with required public audits and accountability/ transparency provisions, be adopted?

## **Sampling Approach**

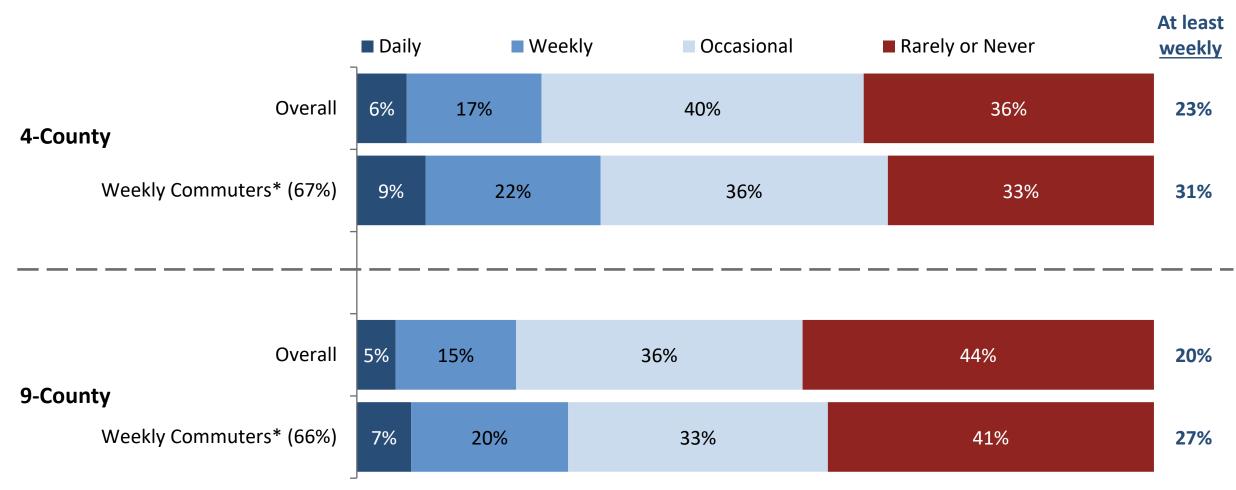


Number of Interviews  MoE in pct pts	1A: 4-County Region  MoE in pct pts	Hybrid: 9-County Region  MoE in pct pts	Variable: 4-County Region  MoE in pct pts	Total Interviews  MoE in pct pts
Alameda	250	250	250	750
,	<u>+</u> 6.2	<u>+</u> 6.2	<u>+</u> 6.2	<u>+</u> 3.6
Contra Costa	200	200	200	600
	<u>+</u> 6.9	<u>+</u> 6.9	<u>+</u> 6.9	<u>+</u> 4.0
San Francisco	200	200	200	600
	<u>+</u> 6.9	<u>+</u> 6.9	<u>+</u> 6.9	<u>+</u> 4.0
San Mateo	200	200	200	600
	<u>+</u> 6.9	<u>+</u> 6.9	<u>+</u> 6.9	<u>+</u> 4.0
Santa Clara		300		300
		<u>+</u> 5.7		<u>+</u> 5.7
North Bay (Napa,		200		200
Marin, Solano,		300		300
Sonoma)		<u>+</u> 5.7		<u>+</u> 5.7

## Self-Reported Transit Usage



#### Combined usage frequency of BART, trains, and public bus, light rail, or ferry.



<sup>\*</sup> Commute defined as a trip to work, school, or other regular destination.

## **Key Findings**



- **Overall mood** in the Bay Area is **improving** but affordability is still a widespread concern.
- There is significant desire for transit and transportation improvements.
- When thinking about transit, many mention **funding challenges** and **safety issues**. However, recent improvements are noted by many, especially in the Peninsula/South Bay.
- Support for the 1A and Variable rate measures exceeds a majority, but falls far short of the two-thirds threshold, indicating the likely path for a transit measure would be via a citizen initiative.
- The hybrid measure with two taxes has weaker support.
- Overall framing and details of the measures do little to build support.
- Although there is interest in **preventing cuts** to transit, voters are simply **hesitant to raise** taxes and lack trust that more money is the solution.

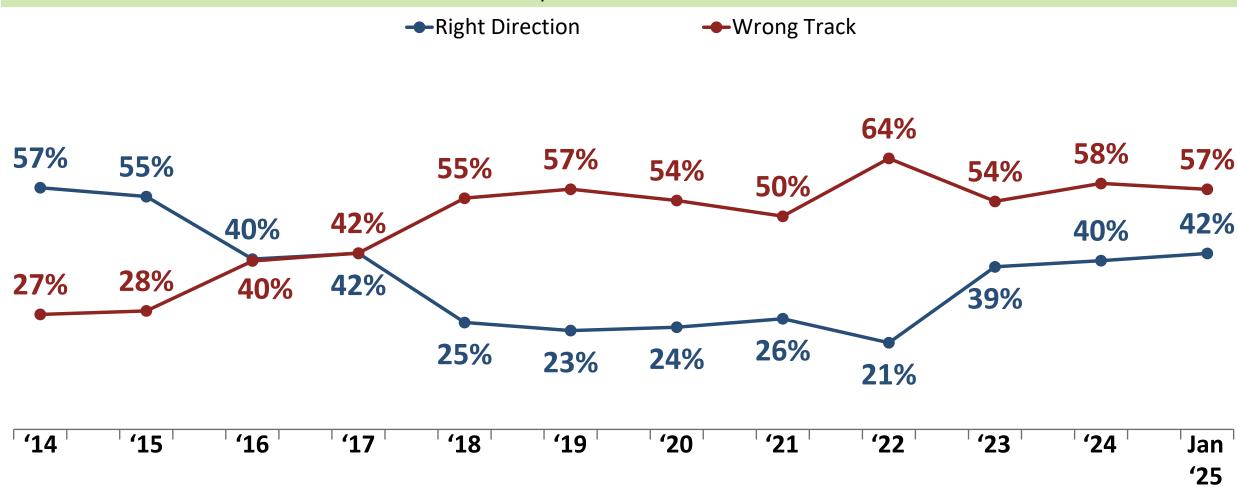


**Issue Environment** 

## Direction of the Bay Area – 9-County



While over half of Bay Area voters feel pessimistic about how things are going, optimism among has returned to prepandemic levels.

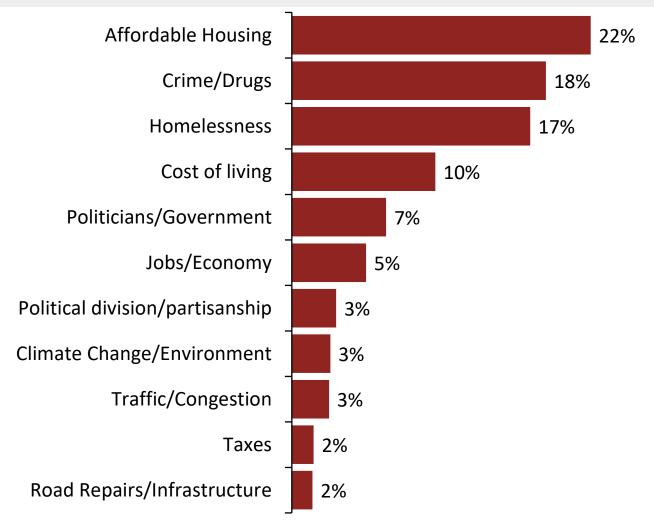


## **Most Important Problem – 9-County**



Affordability, crime, and homelessness continue to be the most significant concerns of local voters.

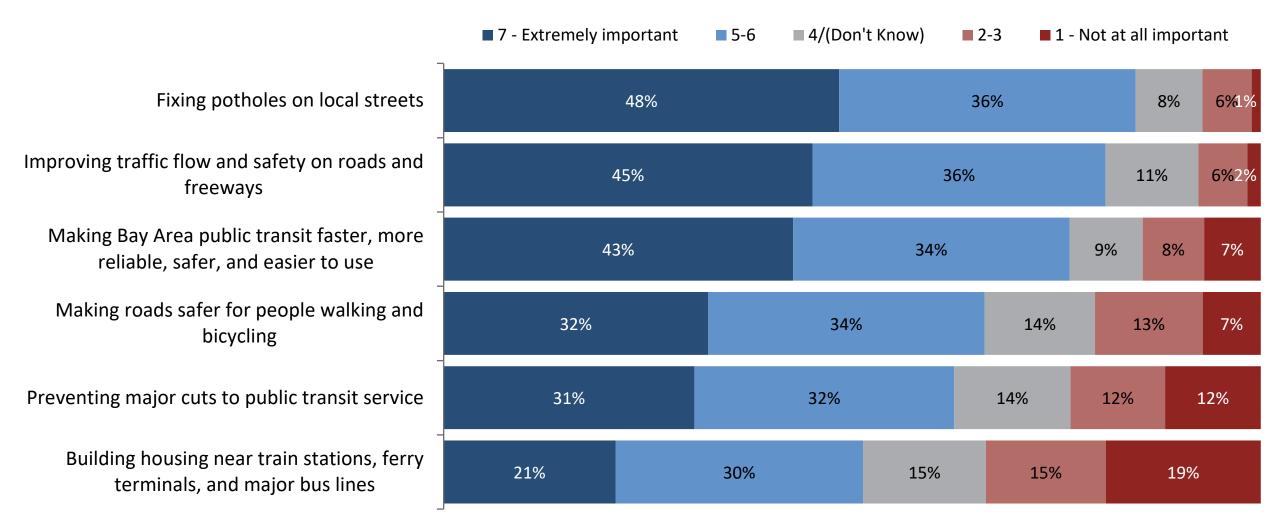
#### What do you think is the most important problem facing the Bay Area today?



#### Transportation Issue Importance – 9-County



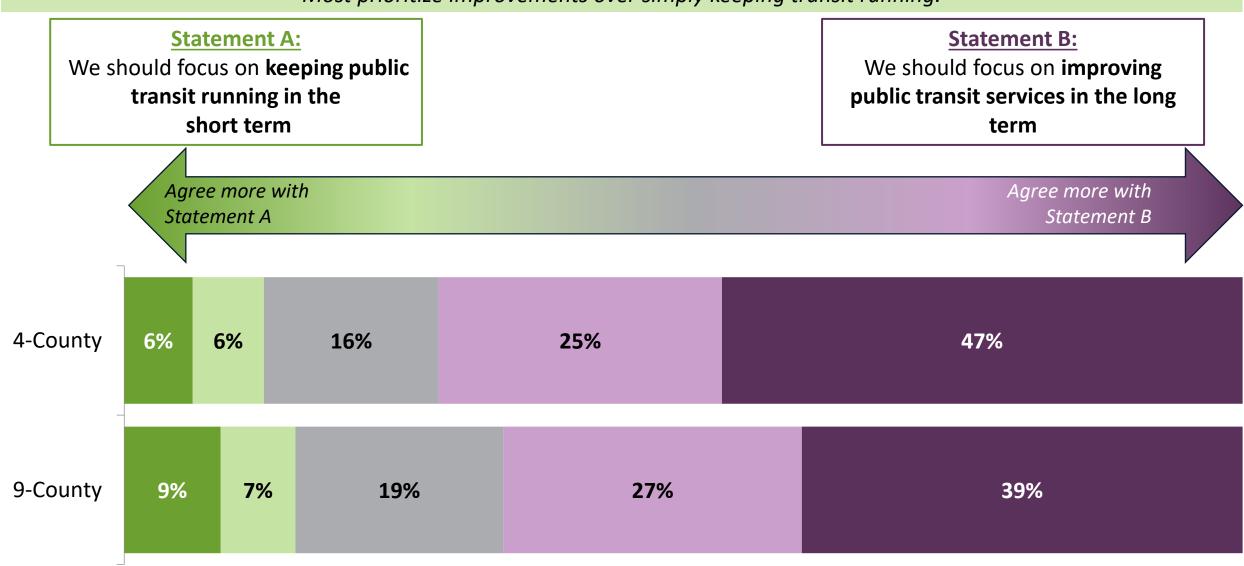
#### Voters see improvements to transit and transportation as important.



#### **Transit Focus – Forced Choice**



Most prioritize improvements over simply keeping transit running.



#### **Public Transit Awareness**



Recall about recent transit information is high, with funding challenges, safety issues, and upgrades mentioned most frequently.

#### 65% of voters (68% in the 4-county area) have heard or seen something recently about public transit.

#### "What have you heard or seen?"

(Open end; verbatim responses coded into categories below)

Response % among those that have heard something recently	4-County	9-County
Lack of funds/Cuts	26%	21%
Safety concerns	24%	18%
Improvements	18%	25%
Toll increases/High prices	16%	11%
General negative (Low ridership/Delays/Unclean)	12%	15%
TV ads/News/Articles	4%	5%
Schedule Changes	4%	5%
Frequently rides transit	2%	2%

"Caltrain electrified, the agencies are syncing schedules"

"They're experiencing a funding crisis so they want a guaranteed funding stream."

"That the BART is unsafe and many people do not pay."

"The desire to 'sync' disparate transit systems with each other for seamless transit across them."

"New BART stations coming soon to San José."

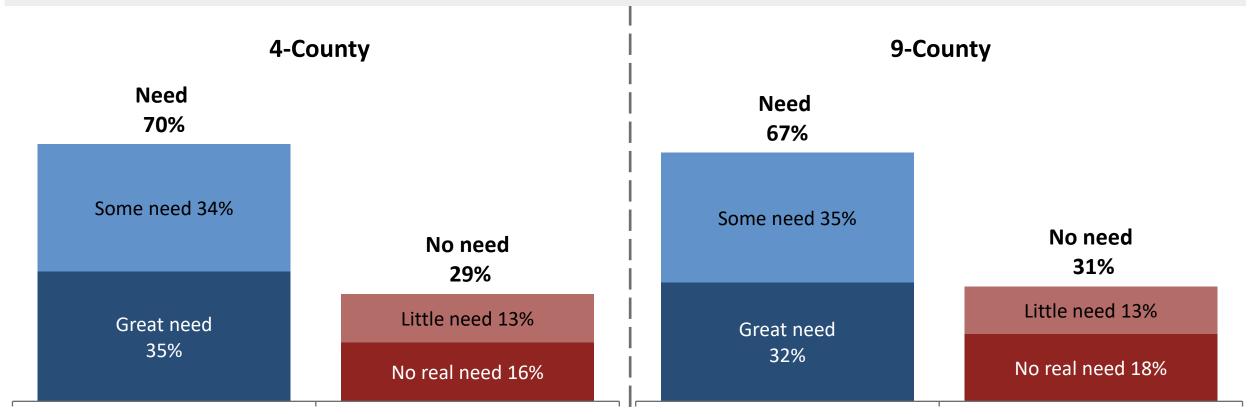
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## **Need for Transit Funding**



Awareness of funding needs is high, although not intense.

Would you say that public transit in the Bay Area has a great need for more money, some need for more money, little need for more money, or no real need for more money?

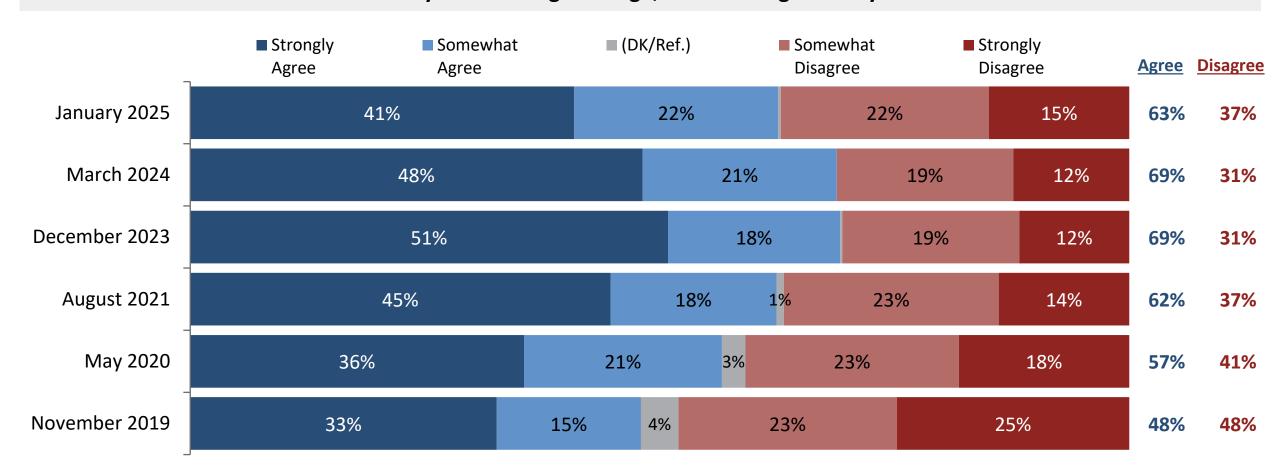


## Tax Sensitivity Over Time – 9-County



Tax aversion has declined somewhat since last year.

#### Taxes in the Bay Area are high enough, I will vote against any tax increase



## Framing a Tax Increase – 9-County



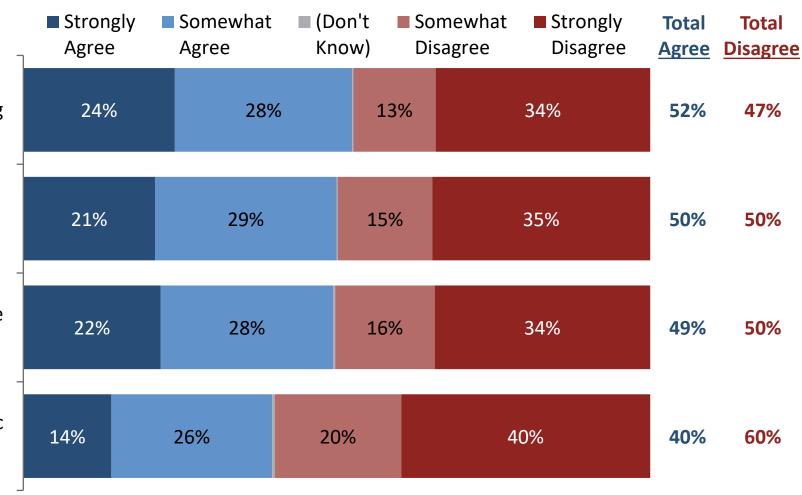
#### Conceptual support for a transportation tax increase sits right around 50%.

We need stable, long-term funding for public transit in the Bay Area, even if it means raising taxes

We need significant improvements to public transit in the Bay Area, even if it means raising taxes

We need to prevent cuts to public transit in the Bay Area, even if it means raising taxes

We need to build more housing close to public transit, even if it means raising taxes



### Scope of Measure - Forced Choice



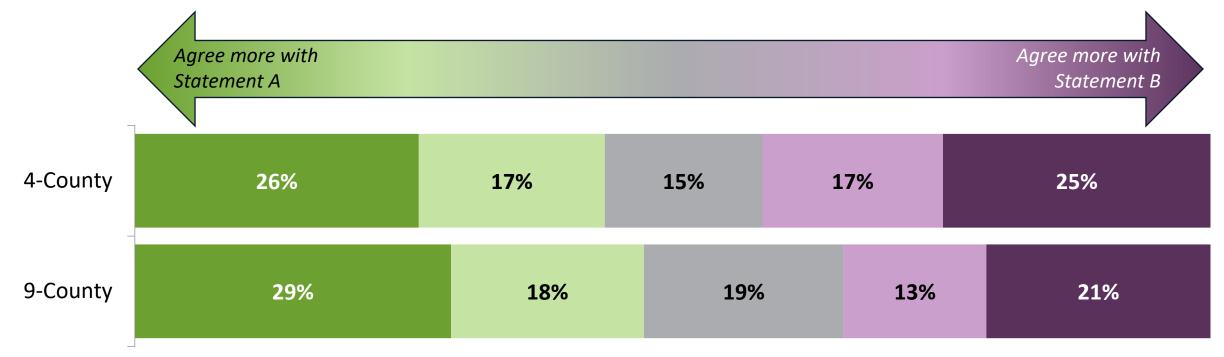
Voters are divided on how to use transportation funding.

#### Statement A:

Funds from this measure should be **split** between public transit services, roads, freeways, and improvements for people walking and bicycling

#### **Statement B:**

Funds from this measure should focus on protecting and improving public transit services



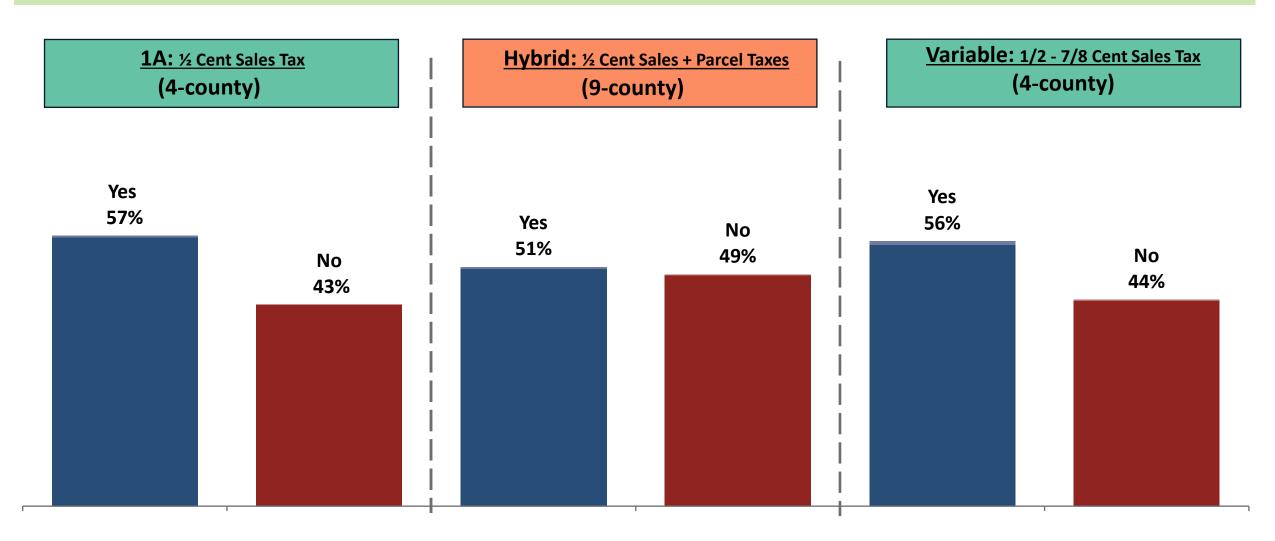


## Potential Regional Transportation Revenue Measure

#### **Initial Vote**



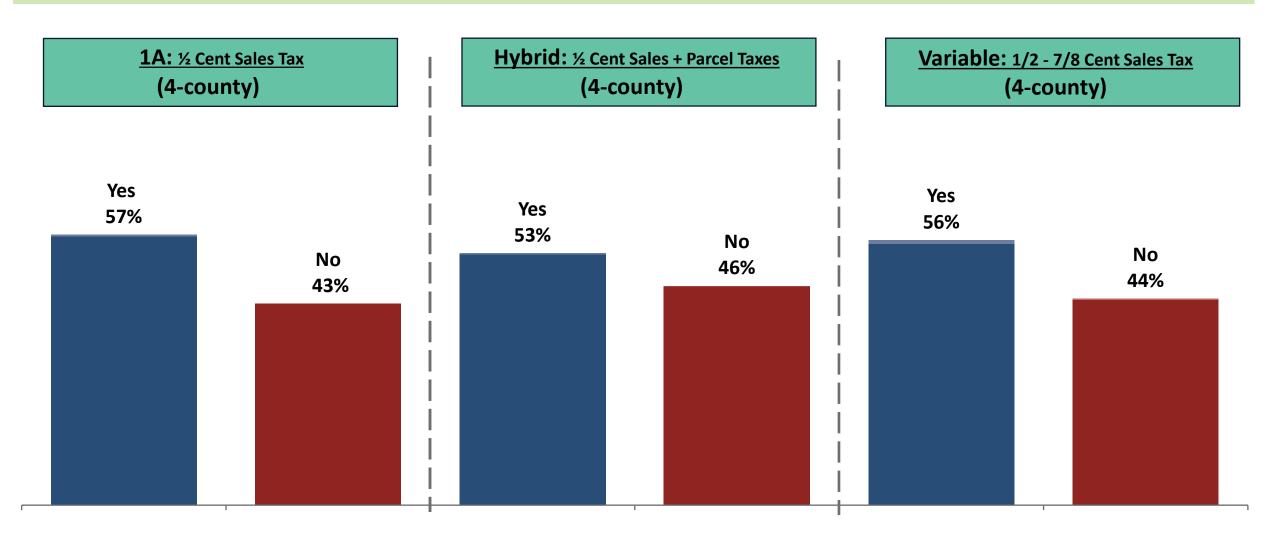
The measures start above a majority, but the 9-county two-tax Hybrid is weaker.



#### **Initial Vote: 4-County Compared**



Support for the Hybrid version improves when 5 counties are removed, but it is still lower than the others.



#### **Initial Support by County**

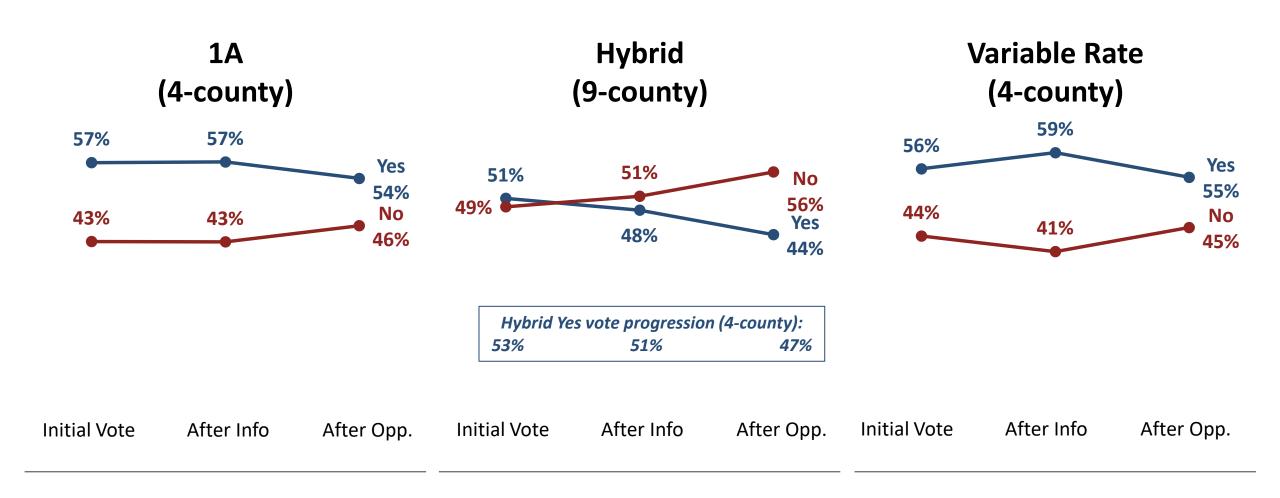


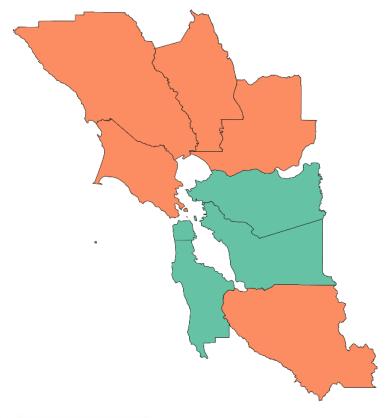
Table shows percent "Yes"	1A: ½ Cent Sales Tax 57% Yes 4-County	Hybrid: ½ Cent Sales + Parcel Taxes 51% Yes 9-County	Variable: 1/2 - 7/8 Cent Sales Tax 56% Yes 4-County
Alameda MoE <u>+</u> 6.2 p.p. for each model	61%	55%	59%
Contra Costa MoE <u>+</u> 6.9 p.p. for each model	53%	51%	54%
San Francisco MoE <u>+</u> 6.9 p.p. for each model	55%	54%	58%
San Mateo MoE <u>+</u> 6.9 p.p. for each model	59%	53%	52%
Santa Clara MoE <u>+</u> 5.7 p.p.		50%	
North Bay (Napa, Marin, Solano, Sonoma) MoE <u>+</u> 6.9 p.p.		44%	

#### **Support Progression**



Additional information through the survey does not build support for the measures.







# Measure 1A: Half Cent Sales Tax 4-County Region

850 interviews

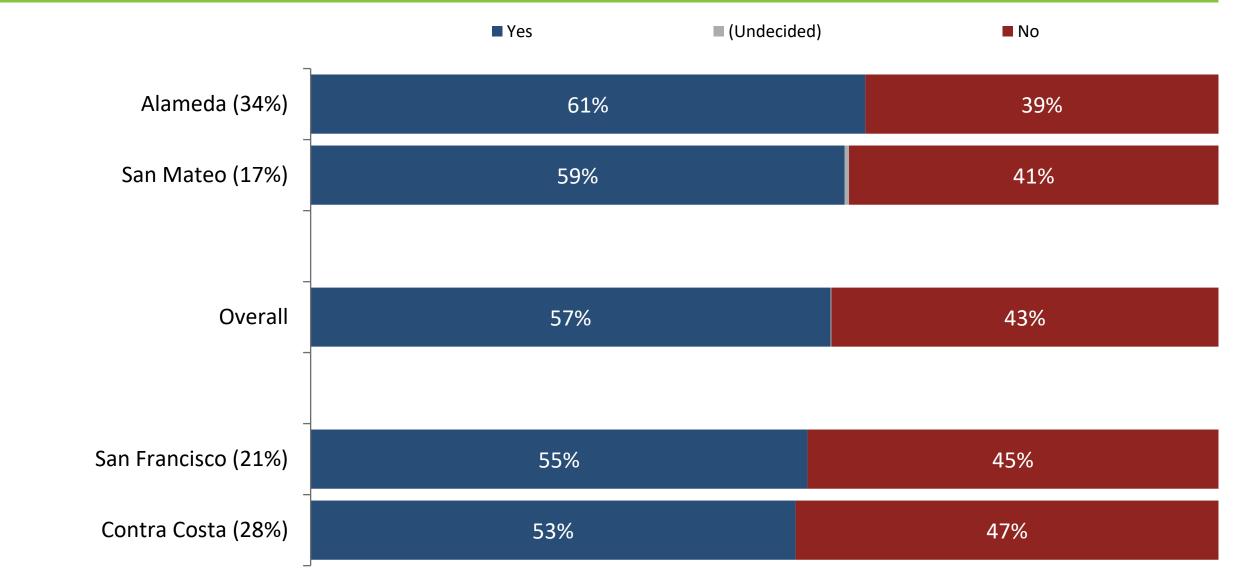
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#### **Measure Text**

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## 1A – Support by County





## 1A – Reasons to Oppose



#### Primary Reasons to Oppose Measure 1A

- ✓ Concerns about <u>financial burden</u> (high cost of living, regressive taxation).
- ✓ <u>Distrust in government</u>'s ability to manage funds effectively.
- ✓ A belief that <u>existing resources should be better</u> <u>utilized</u> before raising taxes.
- ✓ <u>Skepticism</u> about whether additional funding will lead to tangible improvements.

"Sales taxes are regressive and penalize the poor. consider a bond or property tax."

"Money will not be used for the purposes stated, nothing will change."

"Enforce fare collection first."

"Utilize the budget you have now, better."

"Poor management of existing resources."

"Lots of talk with zero substance. No viable common sense plan."

"Cost of living too high."

(Select Verbatim Responses)

## 1A – Reasons to Support



#### Primary Reasons to Support Measure 1A

- **✓** <u>Necessity</u> of public transit funding
- √<u>Traffic</u> reduction & <u>infrastructure</u> improvement
- **✓** Environmental benefits & climate change
- ✓ Equity & accessibility
- ✓ Public safety & cleanliness
- ✓ Economic growth & job creation
- **✓** Fairness & shared responsibility

"It keeps jobs and supports the system."

"It's necessary."

"Public transportation is a service more people should have easy access to and use it."

"Concerns about traffic and climate change."

"To increase safety on public transit."

"It appears be a fair way of raising needed funds."

(Select Verbatim Responses)

#### 1A – Additional Information



Risk of cuts and system standards are themes that resonate with most, but with low intensity.

This measure will make sure public transit is available to those who need it, including low-income residents, students, seniors, persons with disabilities, those who don't drive, and people who rely on it to get to work.

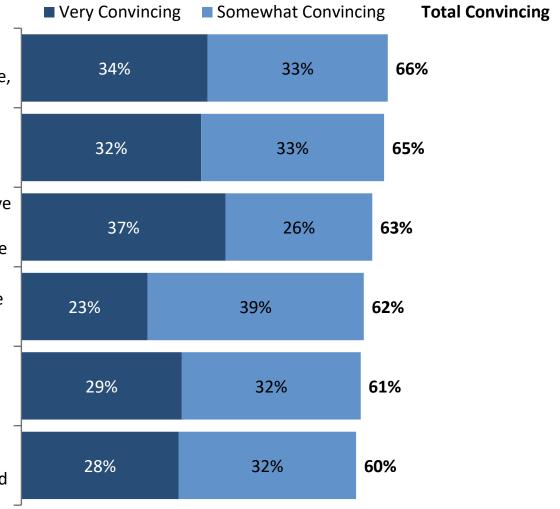
Many seniors and people with disabilities rely on public transit and specialized paratransit services; this measure will protect those services from major cuts.

Without this funding, BART, Caltrain, AC Transit, Muni and other transit systems will have to take drastic actions, including closing stations and stops, cancelling weekend and evening service, and eliminating entire lines. Without this measure, we could lose these essential services forever.

This measure will require transit agencies to comply with regional standards to provide customer-focused and connected services, such as regional monthly passes, free transfers between systems, and fare discounts for low-income residents.

This measure will have strict transparency and accountability provisions, including requiring agencies to post on their websites how they spend public funds, conduct annual independent audits, and publish reports with performance data.

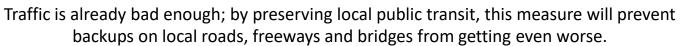
This measure will impose strict cleanliness and safety standards for BART, Muni, AC Transit, Caltrain, and other local transit, and require regular publicly-available crime and harassment reports.



#### 1A – Additional Information



The threats of increased traffic and impact on climate are soft concerns as well.

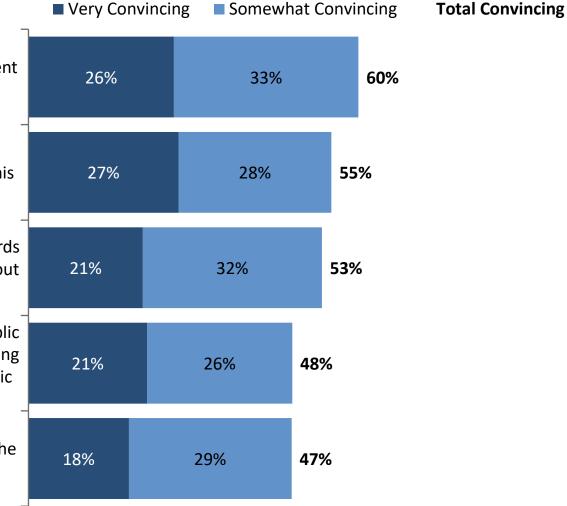


If we can't rely on public transportation, more people will drive and greenhouse gas emissions will increase, which impacts our air quality and escalates climate change. This measure is crucial for public health and our environment.

This measure will help transit riders get around by implementing strict regional standards so we have common maps, signage, and reliable real-time arrival information throughout the Bay Area.

The pandemic and its long-term effects have led to severe funding deficits for local public transit. There simply isn't enough money available. This measure will provide the funding needed to avoid major service cuts on BART, Caltrain, AC Transit, Muni and other public transit.

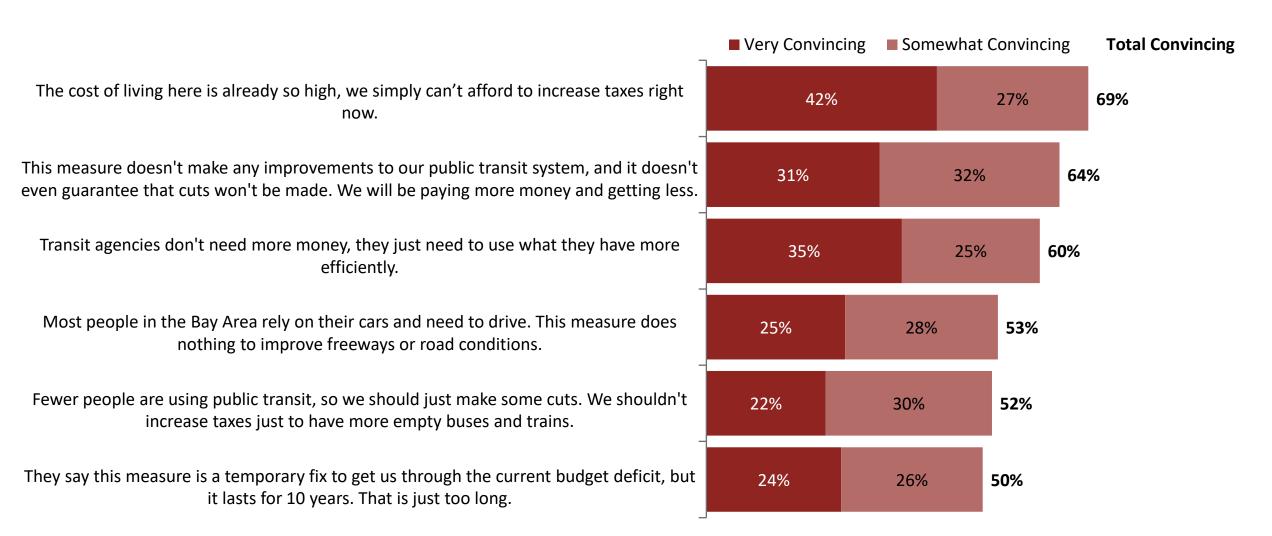
This measure will implement a half-cent sales tax for only 10 years to make sure that the most essential public transit services are maintained.



## 1A – Opposition Messages



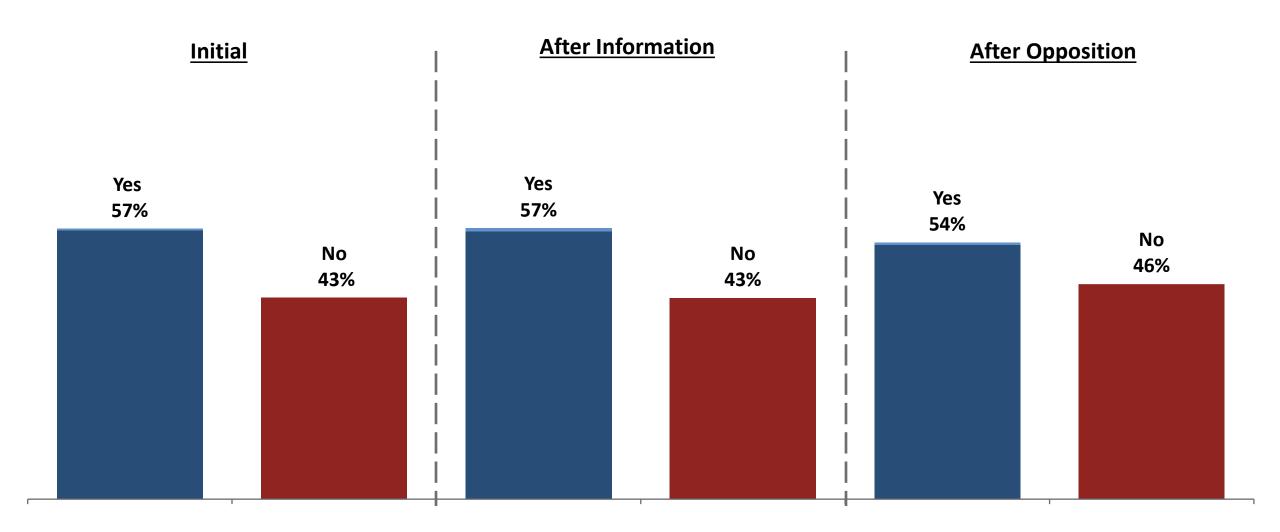
Arguments against the measure resonate, especially tax fatigue and paying more for no improvements.

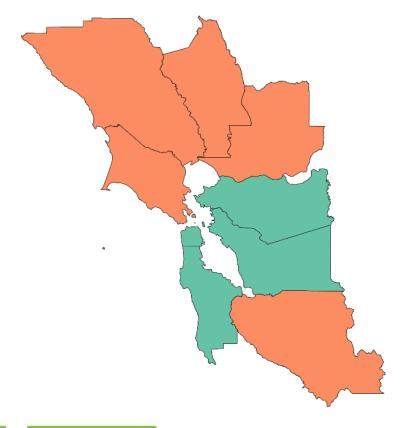


## 1A – Vote Progression



Support for the ½-cent sales tax is fairly steady, with a slight drop in support following opposition messaging.







# Measure: Variable Rate Sales Tax 4-County Region

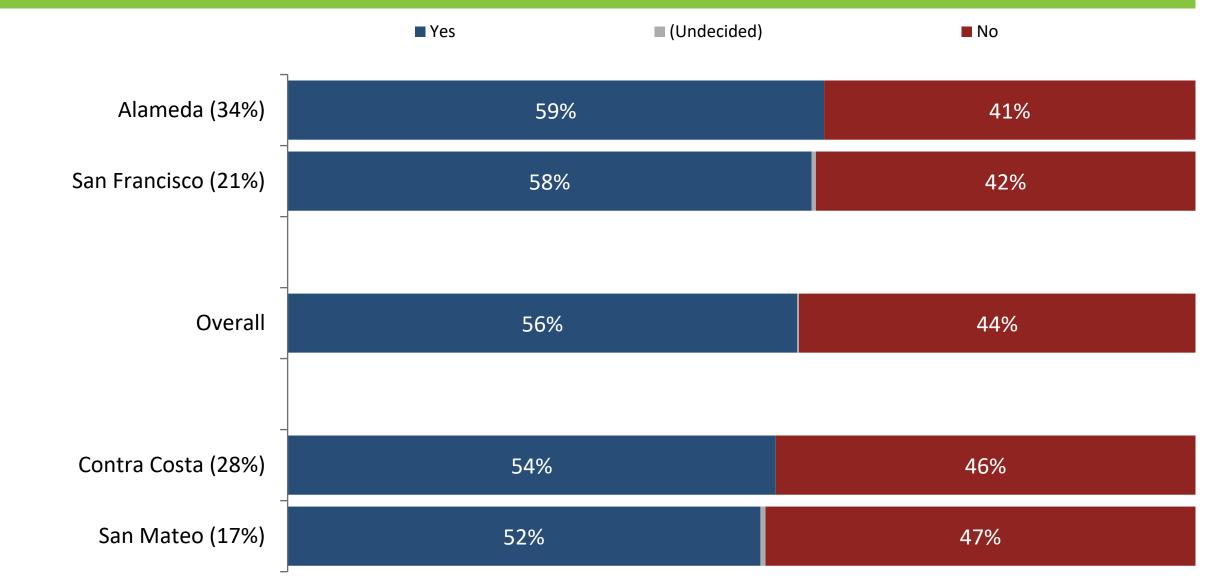
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Mateo counties) sales tax for 11 years generating at least
\$640,000,000 annually, with required public audits and
accountability/ transparency provisions, be adopted?

## **Variable Rate – by County**





## Variable Rate - Reasons to Oppose



#### Primary Reasons to Oppose Variable Rate Tax

- **✓** Government <u>mismanagement</u> & lack of accountability
- ✓ Concerns of financial burden (cost of living concerns)
- **✓** Public transit <u>safety</u> & operational <u>inefficiencies</u>
- ✓ Lack of tangible results from previous taxes
- ✓ Negative impact on homeowners & businesses
- **✓** Desire for <u>alternative funding methods</u>

"Lack of accountability."

"I'm tired of paying increases when rich people dodge taxes."

"We keep paying higher taxes but nothing is done, instead we are asked to pay even more."

"Too much waste already."

"Unless crime is stopped, public transportation systems will collapse no matter how much money is spent."

"Distrust of how state and county governments are managing money."

(Select Verbatim Responses)

## Variable Rate - Reasons to Support



#### Primary Reasons to Support Variable Rate Tax

- ✓ <u>Necessity</u> of public transit funding & desire for <u>systemic transit improvements</u>
- **✓** Environmental benefits & climate change
- **✓** <u>Traffic reduction</u> & infrastructure improvement
- **✓** Public <u>safety & cleanliness</u>
- **✓** Equity and accessibility
- **✓** Cost vs. benefit perspective
- ✓ <u>Personal use</u> & experience

"Climate change should be taken more seriously."

"Because transit is critical for connecting people to economic opportunity."

"Our transit system is lacking and needs to be modernized."

"The benefits far outweigh the costs to individuals."

"Safe transportation is good for the community."

"7/8 cent per sale seems like a good deal to support public transit."

(Select Verbatim Responses)

#### Variable Rate - Additional Information



#### Risk of specific transit service cuts resonate with some intensity.

This measure will maintain public transit for those who need it, including low-income residents, students, seniors, persons with disabilities, those who don't drive, and people who rely on it to get to work.

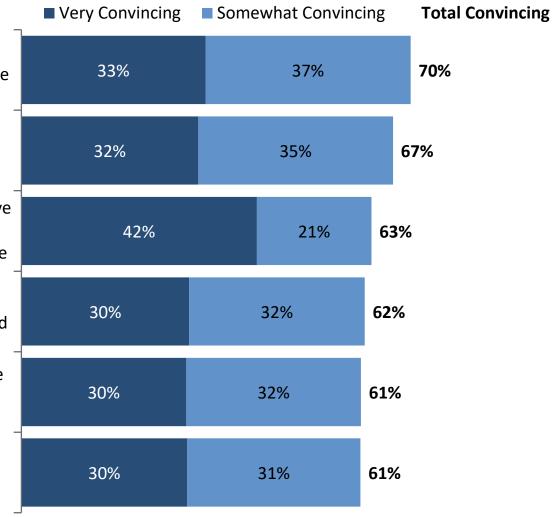
Many seniors and people with disabilities rely on public transit and special paratransit services; this measure will make sure those services continue.

Without this funding, BART, Caltrain, AC Transit, Muni and other transit systems will have to take drastic actions, including closing stations and stops, cancelling weekend and evening service, and eliminating entire lines. Without this measure, we could lose these essential services forever.

This measure will impose strict cleanliness and safety standards for BART, Muni, AC Transit, Caltrain, and other local transit, and require regular publicly-available crime and harassment reports.

This measure will require transit agencies to comply with regional standards to provide customer-focused and connected services, such as regional monthly passes, free transfers between systems, and fare discounts for low-income residents.

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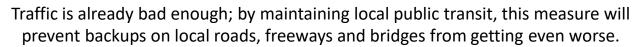


#### Variable Rate - Additional Information



**Total Convincing** 

#### Other information resonates with many voters, but with low intensity.



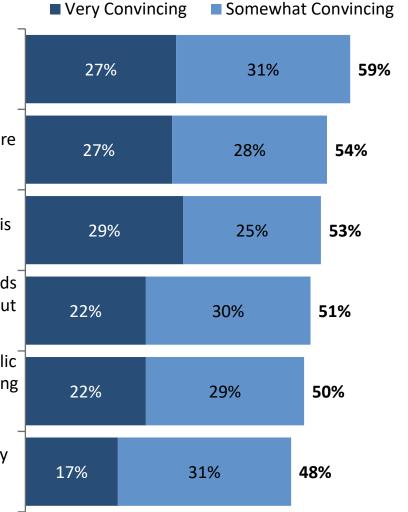
This measure will implement a less than one cent sales tax for only 11 years to make sure that the most essential public transit services are maintained.

If we can't rely on public transportation, more people will drive and greenhouse gas emissions will increase, which impacts our air quality and escalates climate change. This measure is crucial for public health and our environment.

This measure will help transit riders get around by implementing strict regional standards so we have common maps, signage, and reliable real-time arrival information throughout the Bay Area.

The pandemic and its long-term effects have led to severe funding deficits for local public transit. There simply isn't enough money available. This measure will provide the funding needed to maintain frequency and reliability on BART, Caltrain, AC Transit, Muni and other public transit.

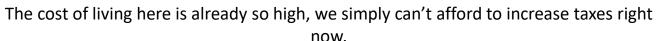
This measure will implement a larger sales tax in San Francisco where more people rely on public transit, and a smaller sales tax in Alameda, Contra Costa and San Mateo Counties where transit needs are lower.



## Variable Rate – Opposition Messages



Arguments against the measure resonate, especially tax fatigue, the rate, and the perceived lack of need.



This measure imposes a seventh-eighths cent sales tax in San Francisco, and a half-cent in Alameda, Contra Costa and San Mateo, which will be on top of the high sales taxes we're already paying.

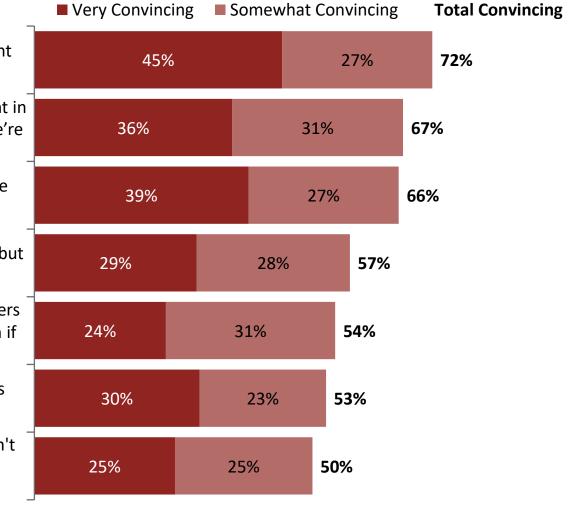
Transit agencies don't need more money, they just need to use what they have more efficiently.

They say this measure is a temporary fix to get us through the current budget deficit, but it lasts for 11 years. That is just too long.

This measure simply isn't fair, it taxes people in some counties more than others. Voters in Alameda, Contra Costa and San Mateo can impose a high tax in San Francisco even if San Francisco votes against it.

Most people in the Bay Area rely on their cars and need to drive. This measure does nothing to improve freeways or road conditions.

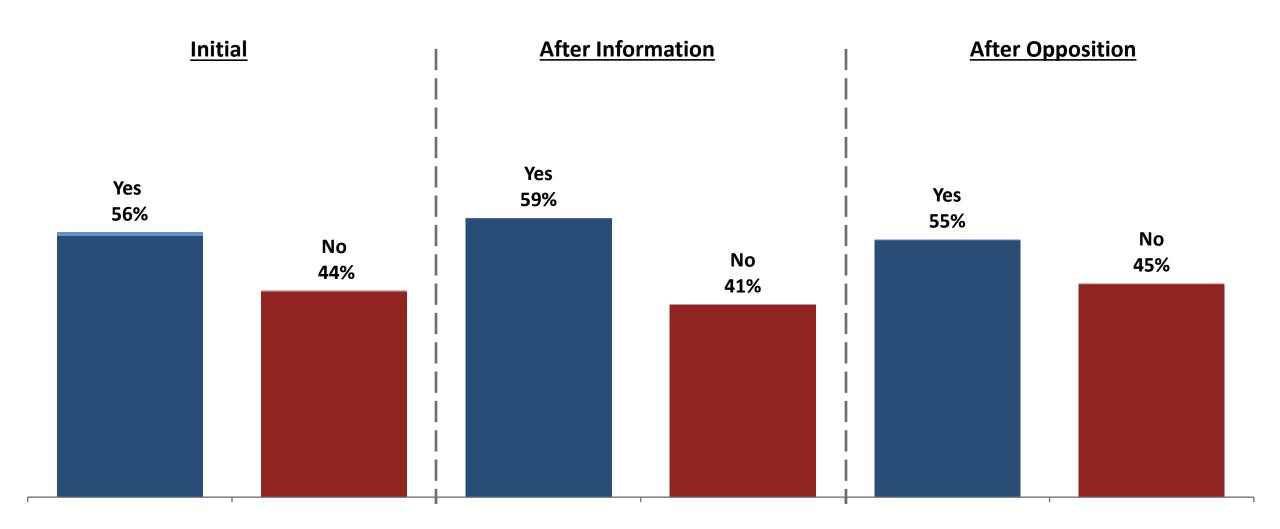
Fewer people are using public transit, so we should just make some cuts. We shouldn't increase taxes just to have more empty buses and trains.



## Variable Rate – Vote Progression



The variable rate measure stays above a majority throughout the survey, but far below two-thirds.





# Measure: Hybrid Sales and Parcel Taxes 9-County Region

n=1,350, MoE ±2.7 percentage points

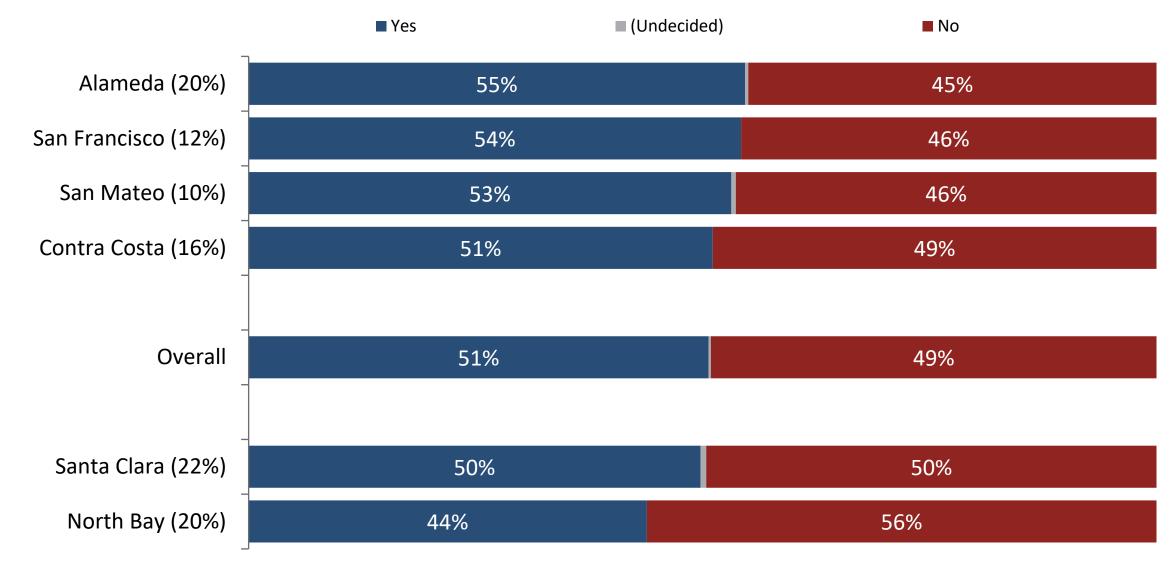
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# **Hybrid – Support by County**





# **Hybrid – Reasons to Oppose**



### Primary Reasons to Oppose Hybrid Tax

- ✓ <u>Distrust in government</u>'s ability to manage funds effectively.
- ✓ Government agencies need to be held accountable before demanding more funding.
- √ Concerns about <u>financial burden</u> (high cost of living)
- ✓ Public <u>transit's biggest issues are safety and</u> management, not lack of funding.
- ✓ <u>Alternative funding methods</u> should be explored instead of blanket tax increases.
- ✓ Concerns over <u>bundled measures</u> and perceived lack of project <u>specificity</u>.

"Our taxes keep getting raised and nothing gets better. What about the gas taxes? What about the increase in toll fares? Why haven't the millions and millions of dollars that have been raised from taxes in the past shown any measurable improvement?"

"We paid too much for too little services already."

"Two different ways of adding taxes is too much to ask."

"Stop overspending."

"I would like the funding to come from more targeted taxation, rather than a general population sales tax."

"This measure ridiculously tries to bundle together completely different objectives in one place."

(Select Verbatim Responses)

# **Hybrid – Reasons to Support**



### **Primary Reasons to Support Hybrid Tax**

- **✓** <u>Necessity</u> of public transit funding
- **✓** Environmental benefits & climate change
- **✓** <u>Traffic</u> reduction & <u>infrastructure</u> improvement
- ✓ Equity & accessibility
- ✓ Public safety & cleanliness
- ✓ Economic growth & quality of life
- **✓** Balanced taxation approach

"To help repair and maintain our transportation infrastructure."

"Improve current traffic problems."

"Transportation needs to be safe for everyone."

"It sounds like it's for the public good: public transit, equity, climate solutions."

"Spreads costs over large group."

"Non-regressive tax."

"Good for both the people and the economy."

"Improves the quality of life."

(Select Verbatim Responses)

# **Hybrid – Additional Information**



Maintaining transit, transparency and accountability, and regional standards resonate, along with making road improvements, but none with much intensity.

This measure will provide pothole repair, road repaving, modernized interchanges and make improvements to traffic bottlenecks.

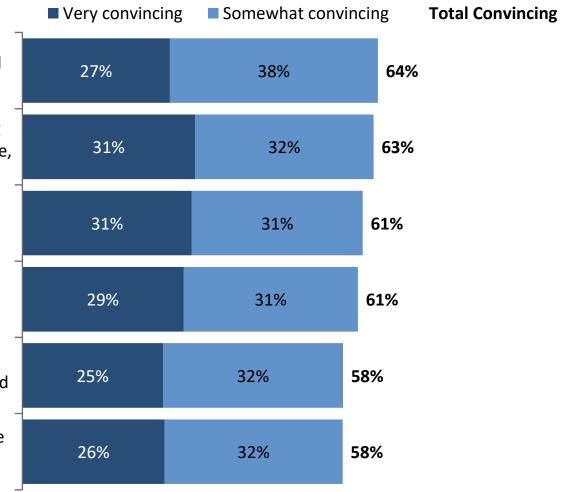
This measure will maintain and improve public transit for those who need it, including low-income residents, students, seniors, persons with disabilities, those who don't drive, and people who rely on it to get to work.

Many seniors and people with disabilities rely on public transit and specialized paratransit services; this measure will make sure those services continue.

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This measure will require transit agencies to comply with regional standards to provide customer-focused and connected services, such as regional monthly passes, free transfers between systems, and fare discounts for low-income residents.



# **Hybrid – Additional Information**



### Other information is less compelling.

Traffic is already bad enough; by maintaining and improving local public transit, this measure will prevent backups on local roads, freeways and bridges from getting even worse.

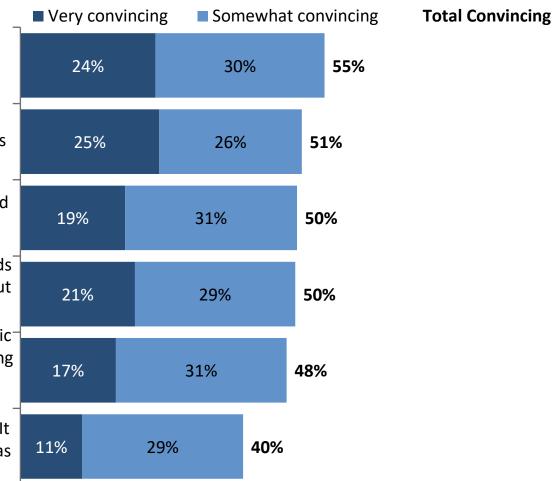
If we can't rely on public transportation, more people will drive and greenhouse gas emissions will increase, which impacts our air quality and escalates climate change. This measure is crucial for public health and our environment.

This measure will make it easier and safer for people walking and bicycling to get around with improved sidewalks and added bike lanes.

This measure will help transit riders get around by implementing strict regional standards so we have common maps, signage, and reliable real-time arrival information throughout the Bay Area.

The pandemic and its long-term effects have led to severe funding deficits for local public transit. There simply isn't enough money available. This measure will provide the funding needed to maintain frequency and reliability on BART, Caltrain, AC Transit, Muni and other public transit.

This measure will implement a ½ cent sales tax and a 9 cent per square-foot parcel tax. It provides long term funding to prevent cuts to public transit services and allow local areas to make other needed transportation improvements.



# **Hybrid – Opposition Messages**



Arguments against the measure resonate, especially tax fatigue, the length of the tax, and that it would only make minor improvements.

The cost of living here is already so high, we simply can't afford to increase taxes right now.

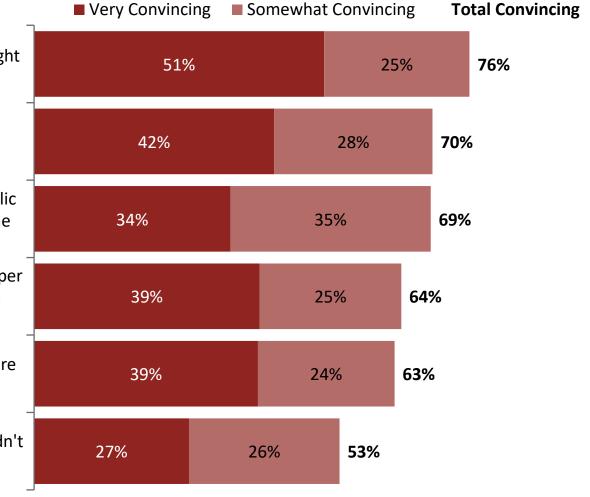
This measure locks in two new taxes for 30 years. That is just too long.

This measure costs a lot of money but makes only minor improvements to our public transit system. What we need is real transformation so more people can get off the roads and take transit.

This measure imposes two new taxes, a ½ cent sales tax and a parcel tax of 9 cents per square foot every year. That is just too much money, even for something we care about.

Transit agencies don't need more money, they just need to use what they have more efficiently.

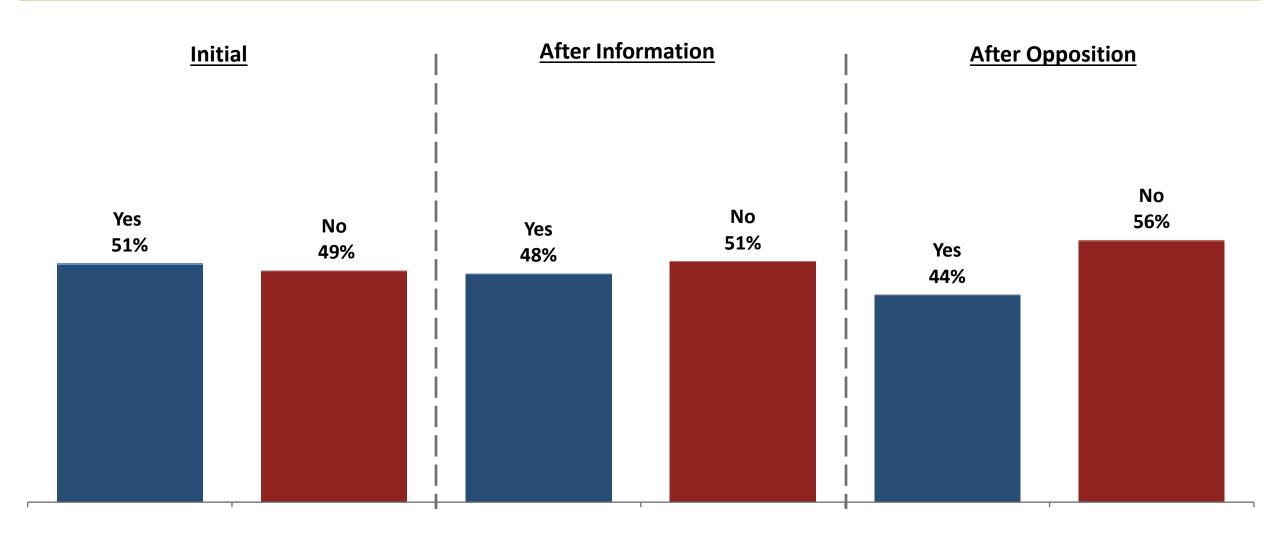
Fewer people are using public transit, so we should just make some cuts. We shouldn't increase taxes just to have more empty buses and trains.



# **Hybrid – Vote Progression**



Additional information only hurts, not helps, support for the hybrid measure.











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# **Survey Methodology**



Likely November 2026 voters, conducted January 14-30, 2025

Multimodal: live telephone interviewing and email/text invitations to an online survey

Three-way split-sample methodology

Available in English, Spanish, and Chinese

#### 1A: 1/2 Cent Sales Tax - 4-County

(n=850, MoE ±3.4)

To prevent increased traffic congestion; avoid major cuts to BART, Caltrain, AC Transit, Muni and other transit services; preserve transportation services for seniors/ persons with disabilities; address transit safety/ cleanliness; advance climate protection; reduce air pollution; prevent station closures; and maintain public transportation service for those who need it; shall the measure enacting a ½ cent sales tax for 10 years generating at least \$560,000,000 annually, with required public audits and accountability/ transparency provisions, be adopted?

### Hybrid: 1/2 Cent + Parcel Taxes - 9-County

(n=1,350, MoE ±2.7)

To prevent increased traffic congestion; maintain BART, Caltrain, AC Transit, Muni, and other transit services; preserve transportation services for seniors/ persons with disabilities; address transit safety/ cleanliness; advance climate protection; reduce air pollution; repair potholes/ sidewalks; upgrade highways; and enhance bike access; shall the measure enacting a ½ cent sales tax and \$0.09 per building square-foot parcel tax for 30 years generating at least \$1,300,000,000 annually, with required public audits and accountability/ transparency provisions, be adopted?

### Variable: 1/2-7/8 Cent Sales Tax - 4-County

(n=850, MoE ±3.4)

To prevent increased traffic congestion; maintain BART, Caltrain, AC Transit, Muni, and other transit services; preserve transportation services for seniors/ persons with disabilities; address transit safety and cleanliness; advance climate protection; reduce air pollution; and prevent station closures shall the measure enacting a % cent (San Francisco) and a ½ cent (Alameda, Contra Costa, San Mateo counties) sales tax for 11 years generating at least \$640,000,000 annually, with required public audits and accountability/ transparency provisions, be adopted?

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# **Alameda County Results**



750 total interviews

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250 interviews per split

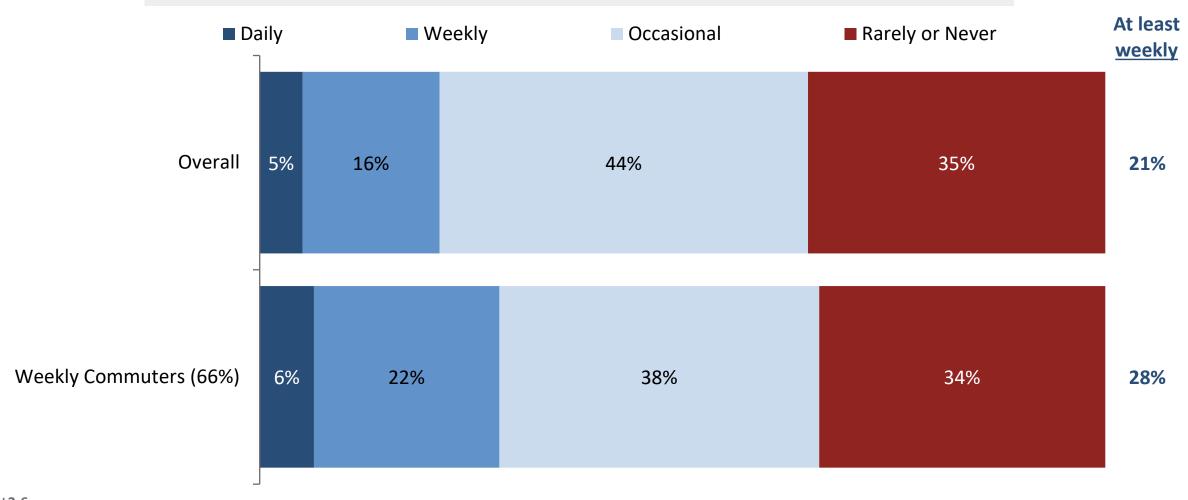
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### **Self-Reported Transit Usage**



### Alameda County

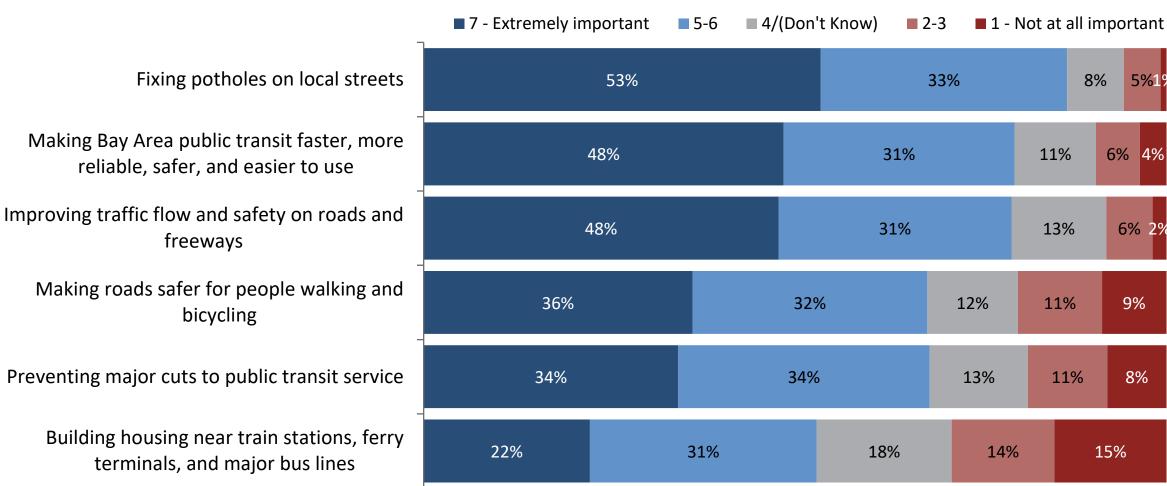




### **Transportation Issue Importance**



### Alameda County



MoE of ±3.6

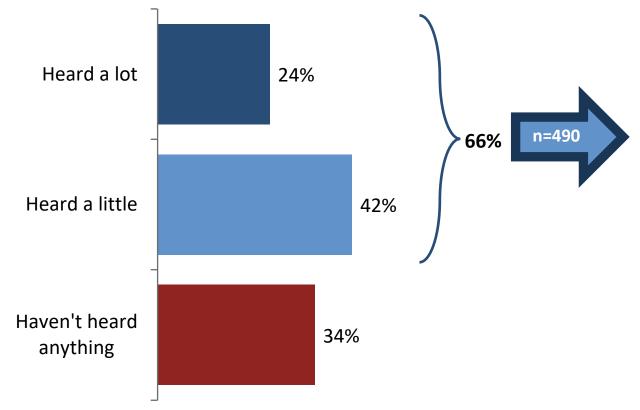
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### Alameda County

# Have you seen or heard anything recently about public transit in the Bay Area?



### What have you heard or seen?

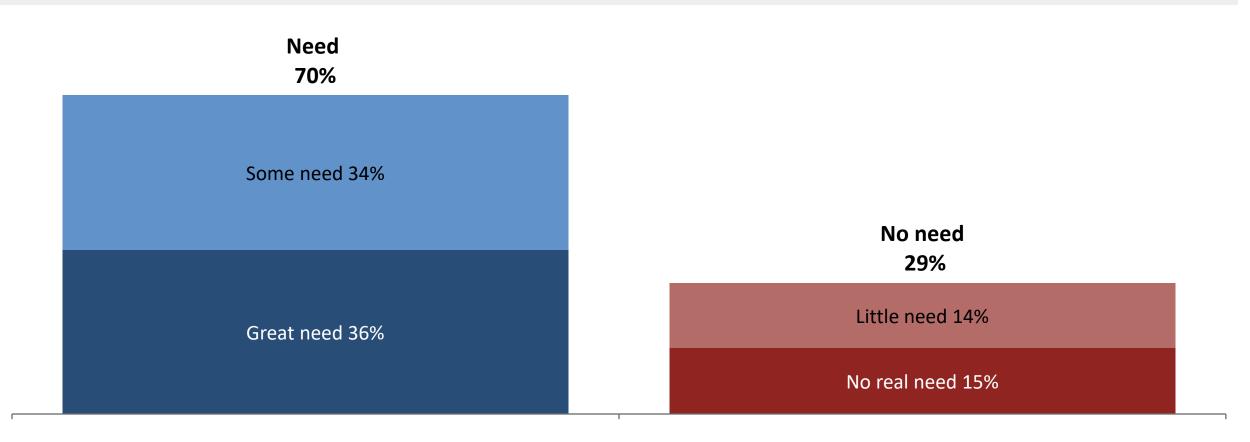
Response	%
Safety concerns	28%
Lack of funds/Cuts	21%
Improvements	16%
General negative (Low ridership/Delays/Unclean)	16%
Toll increases/High prices	15%
Schedule Changes	4%
TV ads/News/Articles	4%
Frequently rides transit/Uses BART	3%

# **Need for Transit Funding**



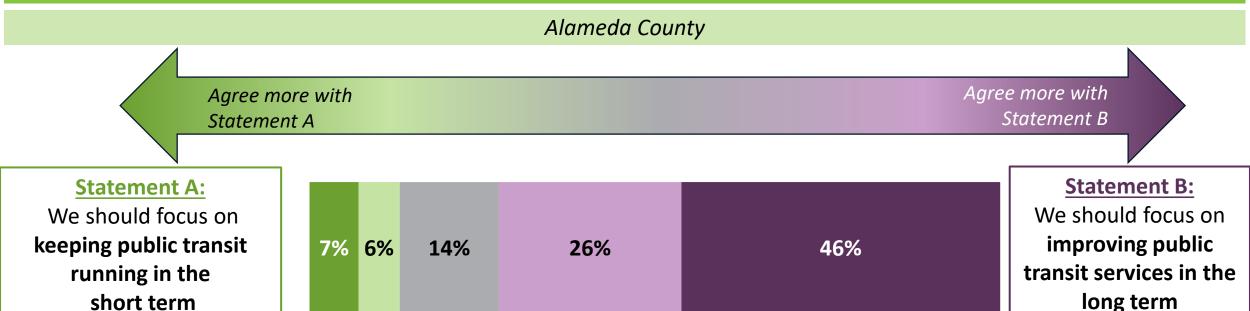
### Alameda County

Would you say that public transit in the Bay Area has a great need for more money, some need for more money, little need for more money?



### **Transit Focus & Scope Forced Choices**





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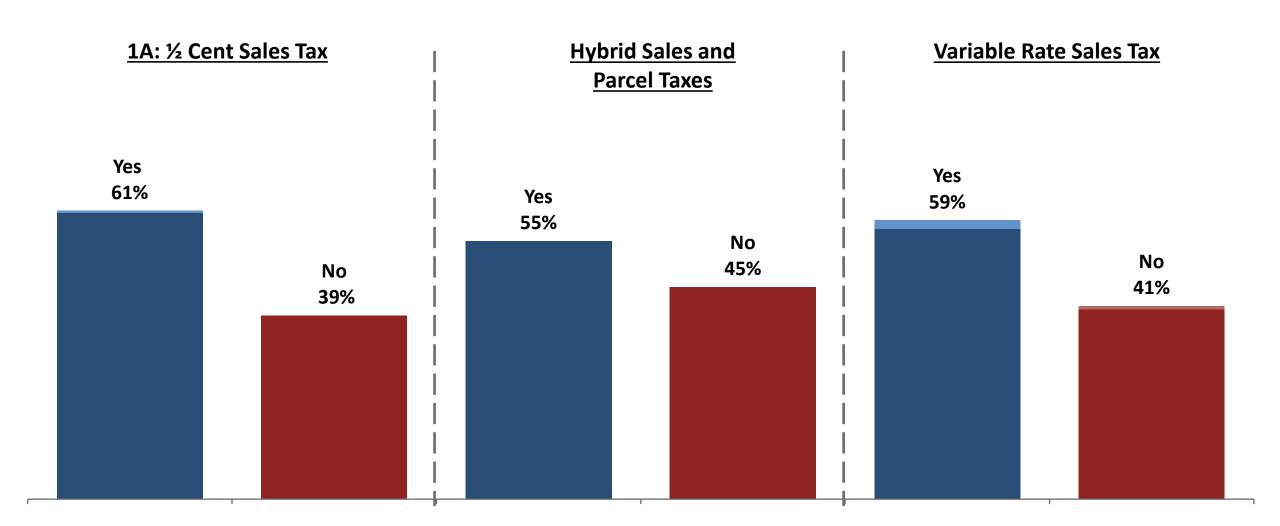
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### **Initial Support**



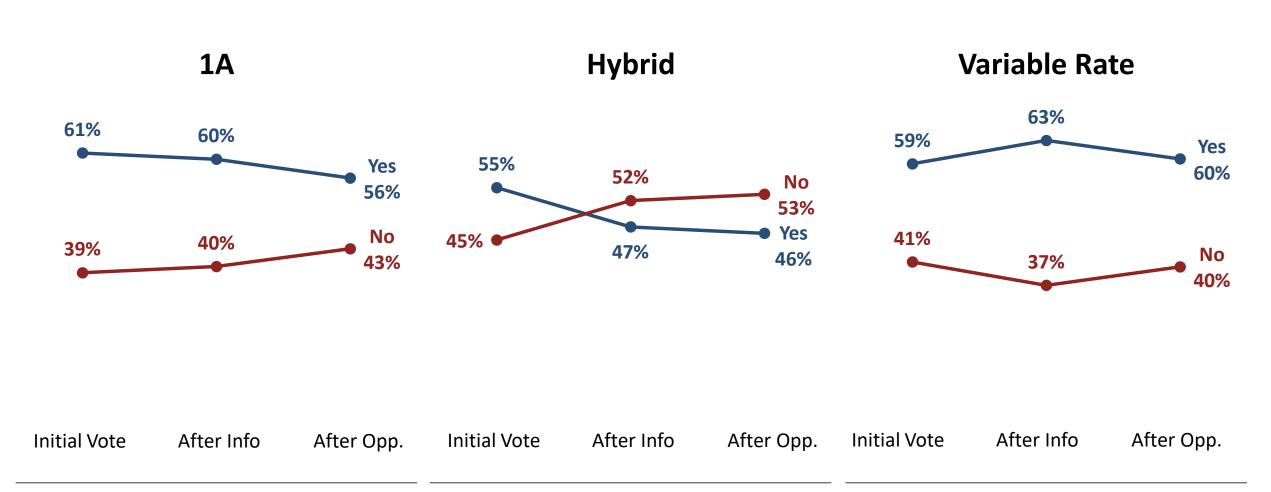
### Alameda County



### **Support Progression**



### Alameda County



# **Contra Costa County Results**



600 total interviews

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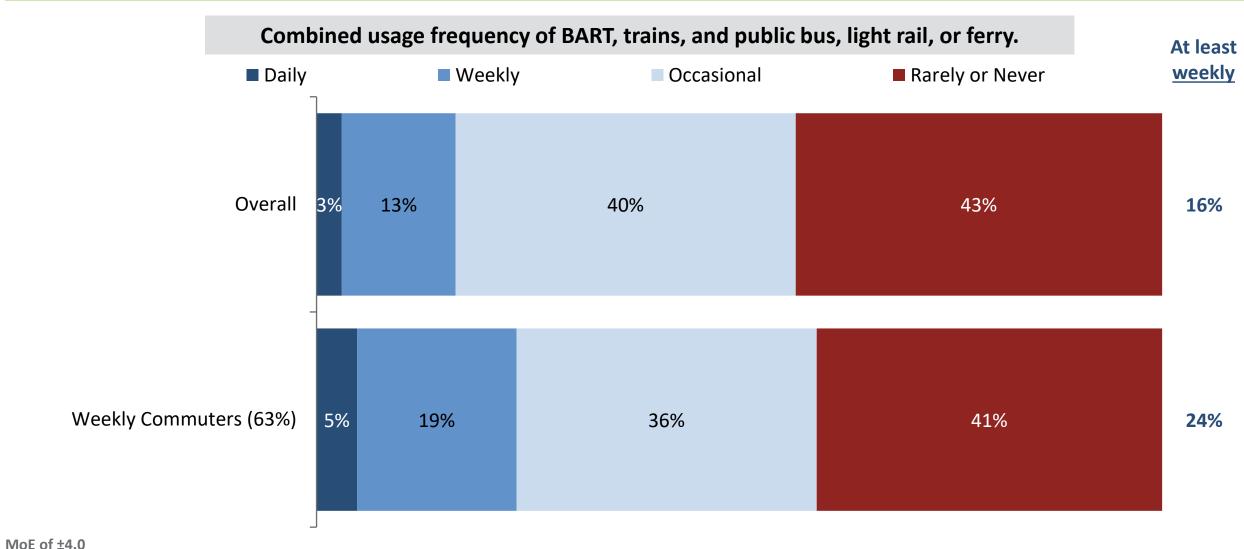
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# Self-Reported Transit Usage



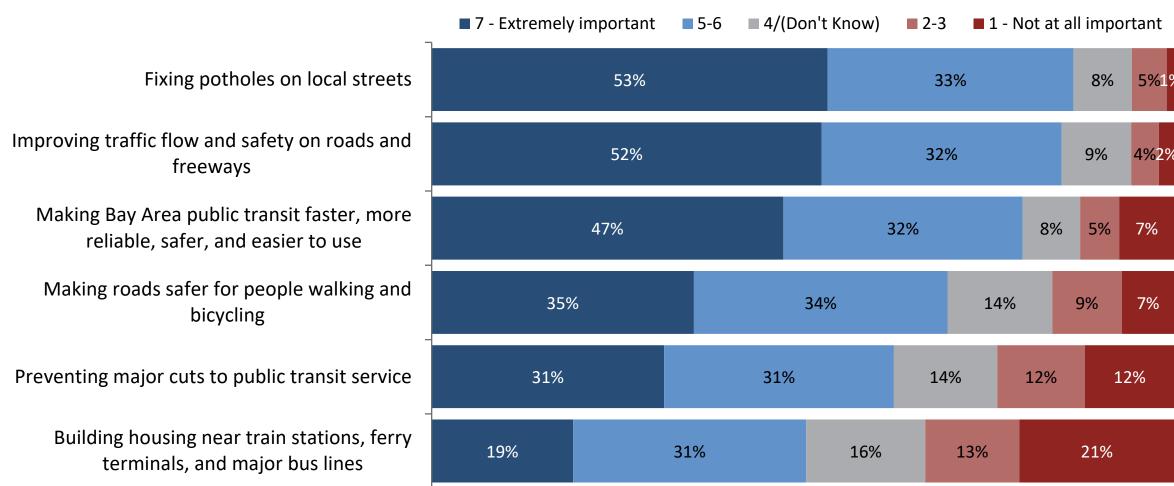
### Contra Costa County



### Transportation Issue Importance



### Contra Costa County



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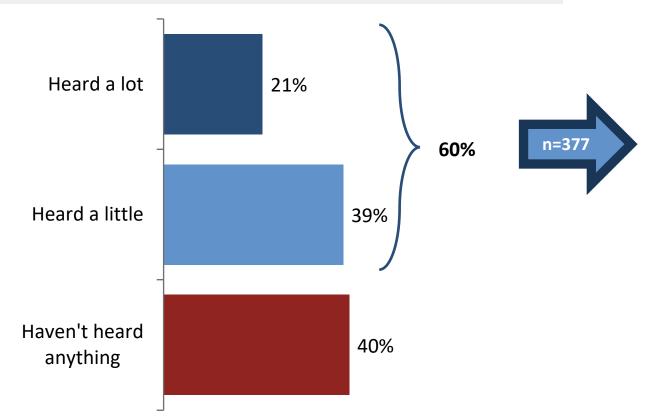
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### Contra Costa County

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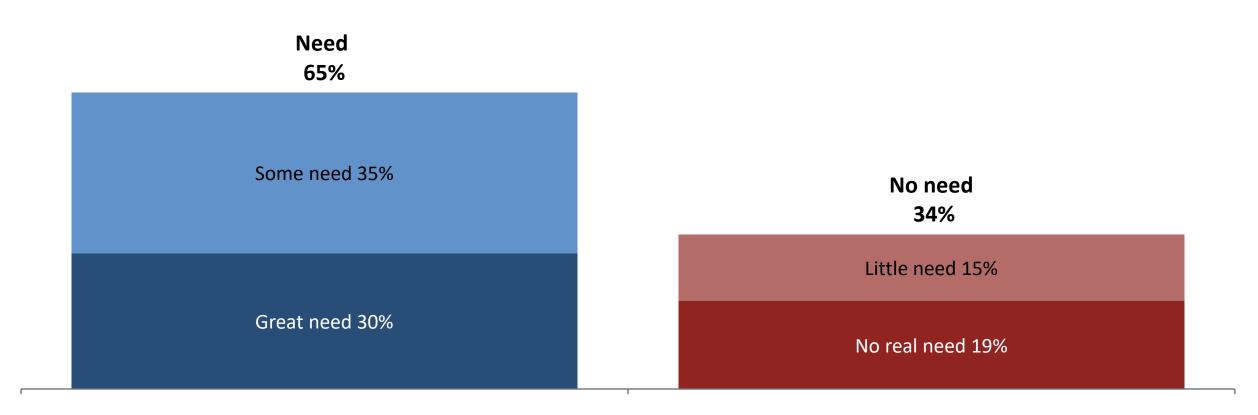
Response	%
Safety concerns	30%
General negative (Low ridership/Delays/Unclean)	18%
Toll increases/High prices	18%
Lack of funds/Cuts	16%
Improvements	13%
TV ads/News/Articles	5%
Schedule Changes	5%
Frequently rides transit/Uses BART	2%

# **Need for Transit Funding**



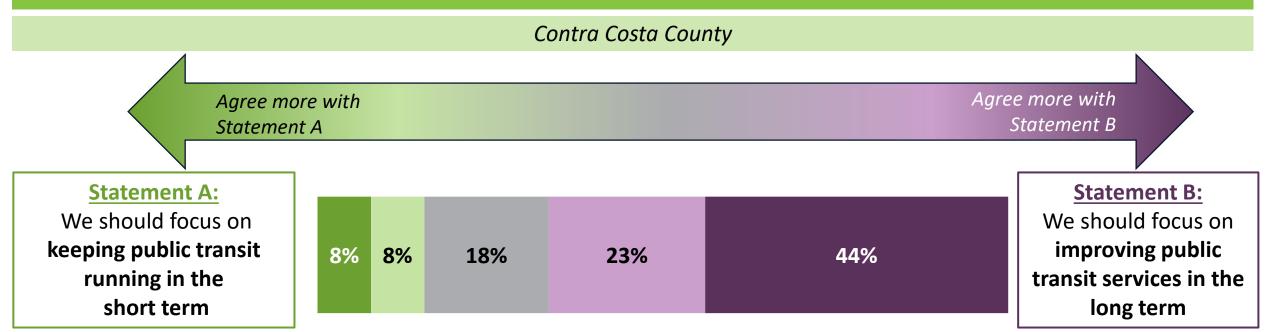
### Contra Costa County

Would you say that public transit in the Bay Area has a great need for more money, some need for more money, little need for more money?



### **Transit Focus & Scope Forced Choices**





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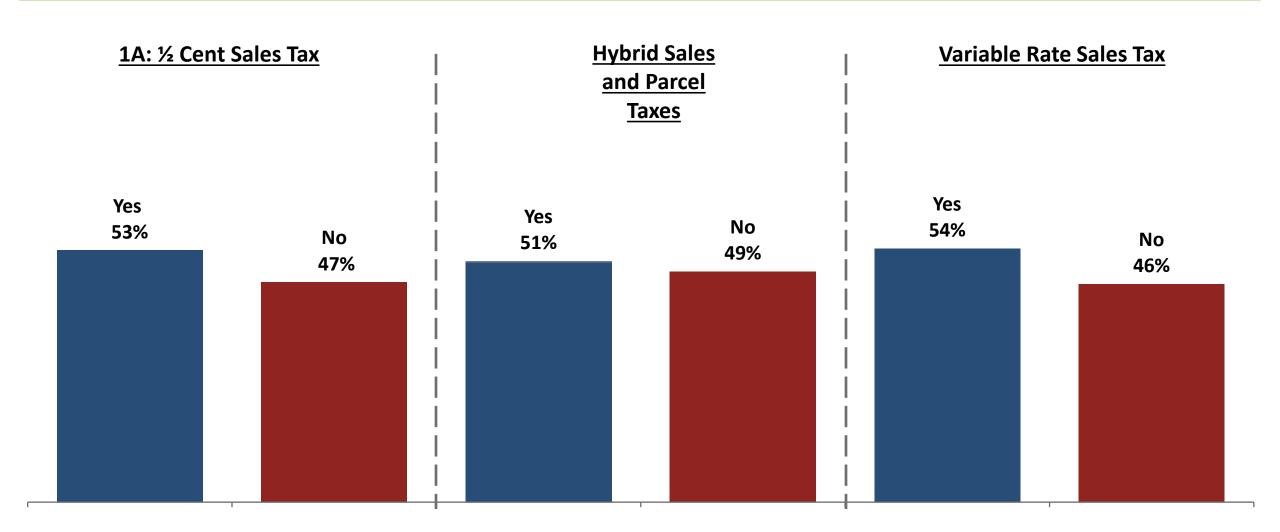
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# **Initial Support**



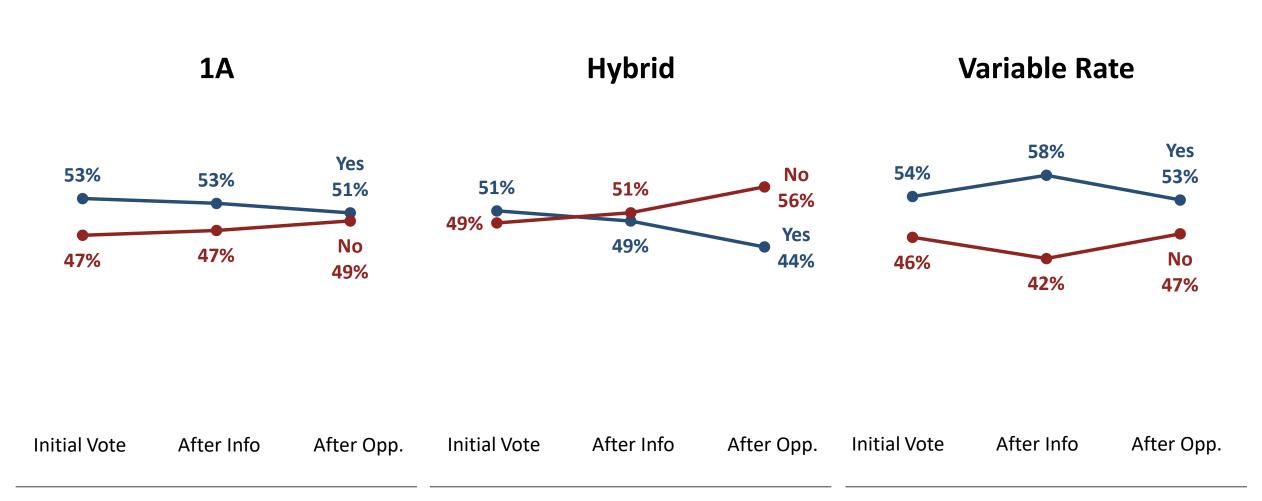
### Contra Costa County



### **Support Progression**



### Contra Costa County



# San Francisco County Results



600 total interviews

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200 interviews per split

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# Self-Reported Transit Usage



#### San Francisco County

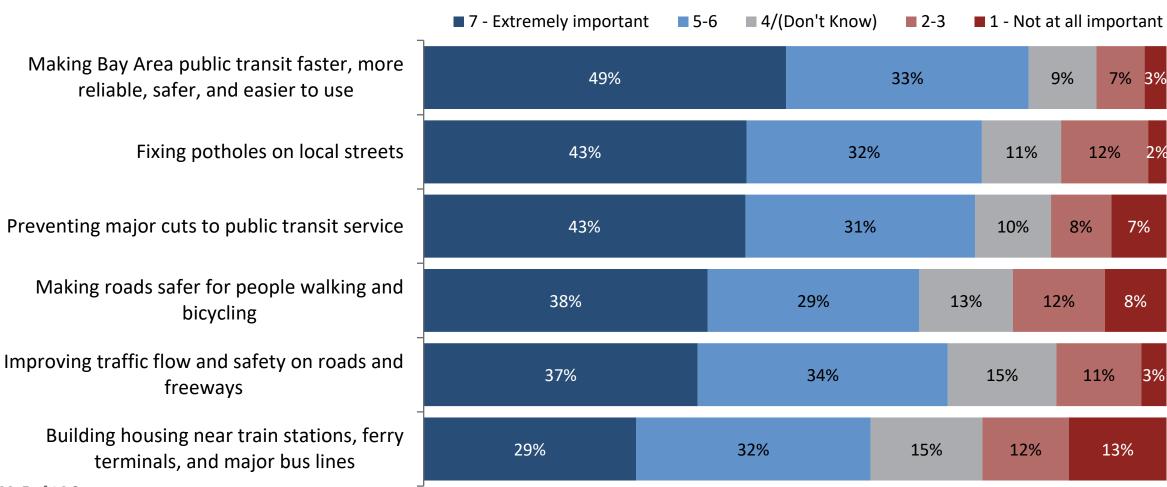
### Combined usage frequency of BART, trains, and public bus, light rail, or ferry.



# Transportation Issue Importance



### San Francisco County



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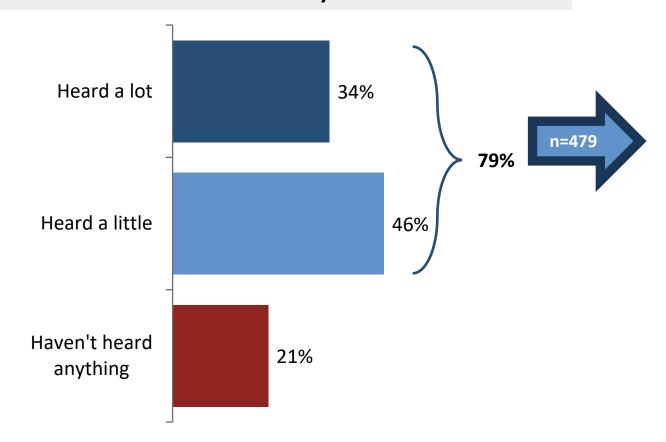
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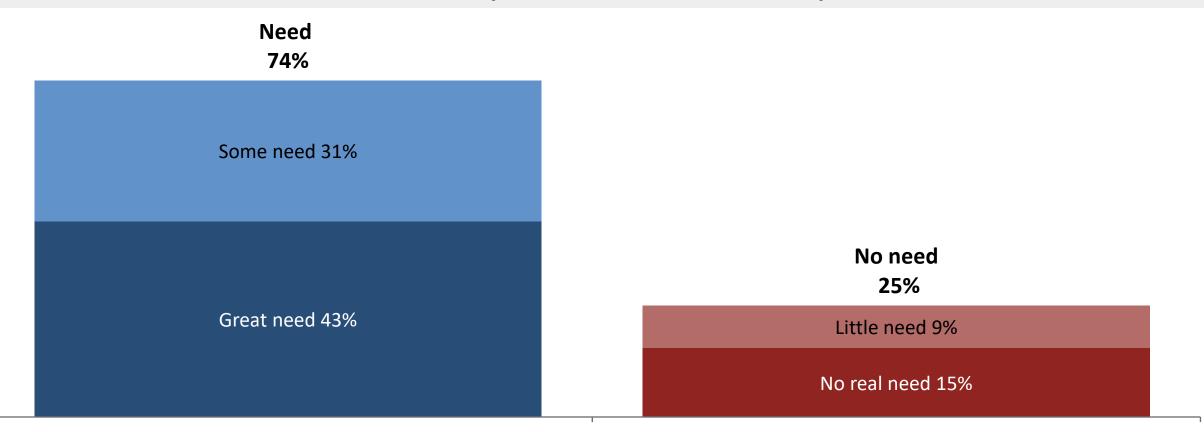
Response	%
Lack of funds/Cuts	46%
Safety concerns	16%
Toll increases/High prices	14%
Improvements	13%
General negative (Low ridership/Delays/Unclean)	7%
Schedule Changes	5%
TV ads/News/Articles	5%
Frequently rides transit/Uses BART	2%

## **Need for Transit Funding**



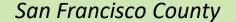
### San Francisco County

Would you say that public transit in the Bay Area has a great need for more money, some need for more money, little need for more money?



# **Transit Focus & Scope Forced Choices**



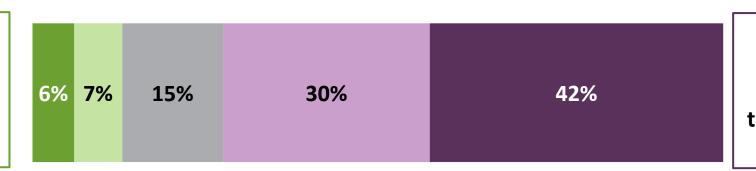


Agree more with Statement A

Agree more with Statement B

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We should focus on keeping public transit running in the short term



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#### **Statement B:**

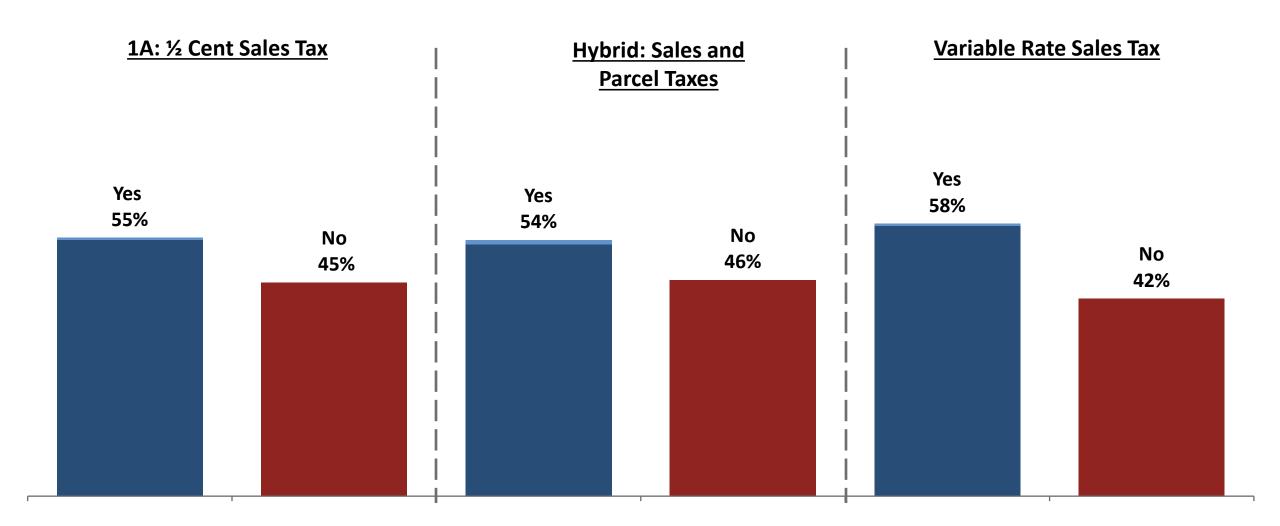
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# **Initial Support**



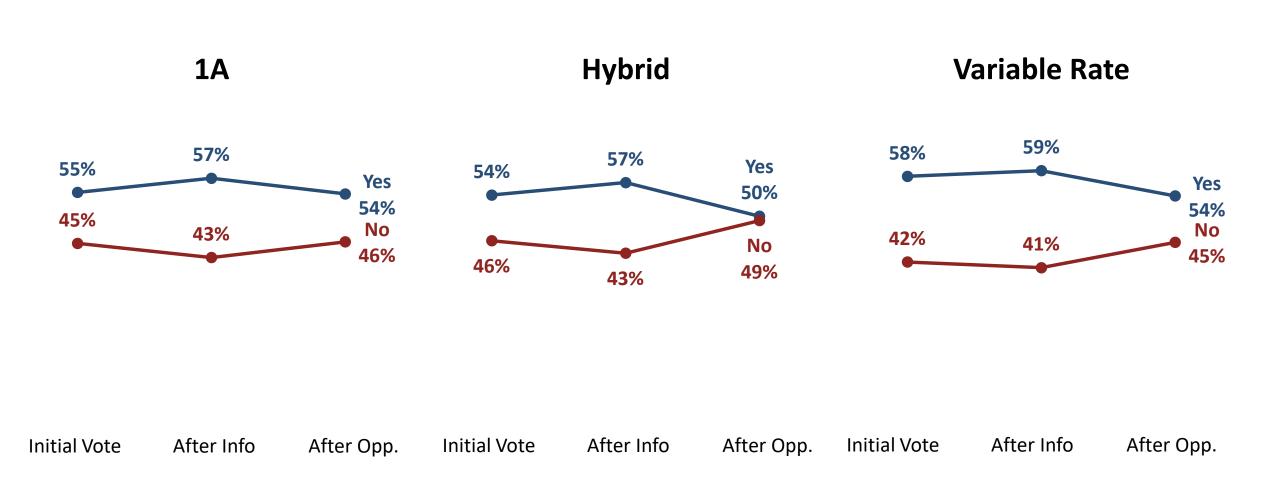
### San Francisco County



### **Support Progression**



### San Francisco County



# San Mateo County Results



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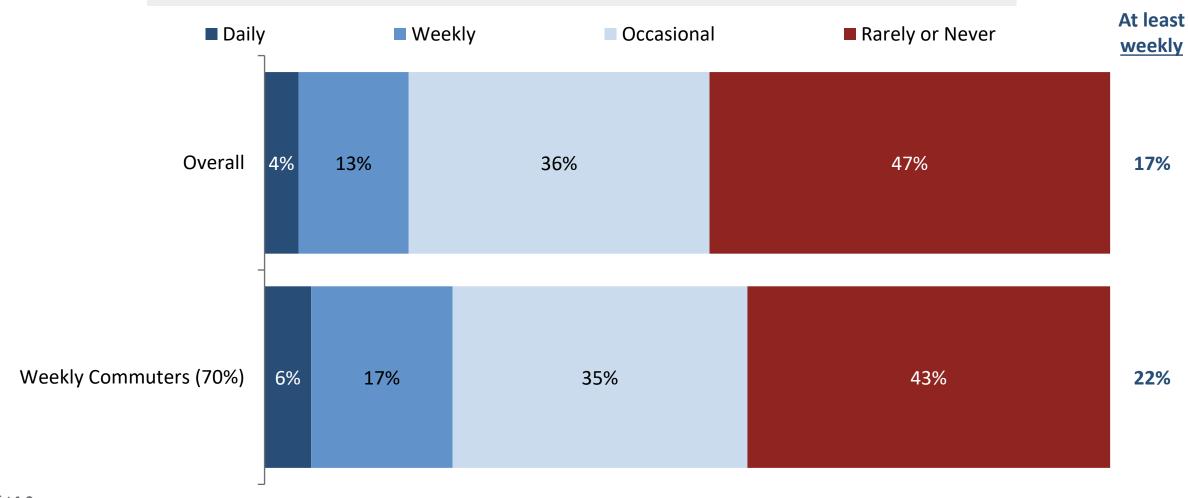
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# Self-Reported Transit Usage



#### San Mateo County

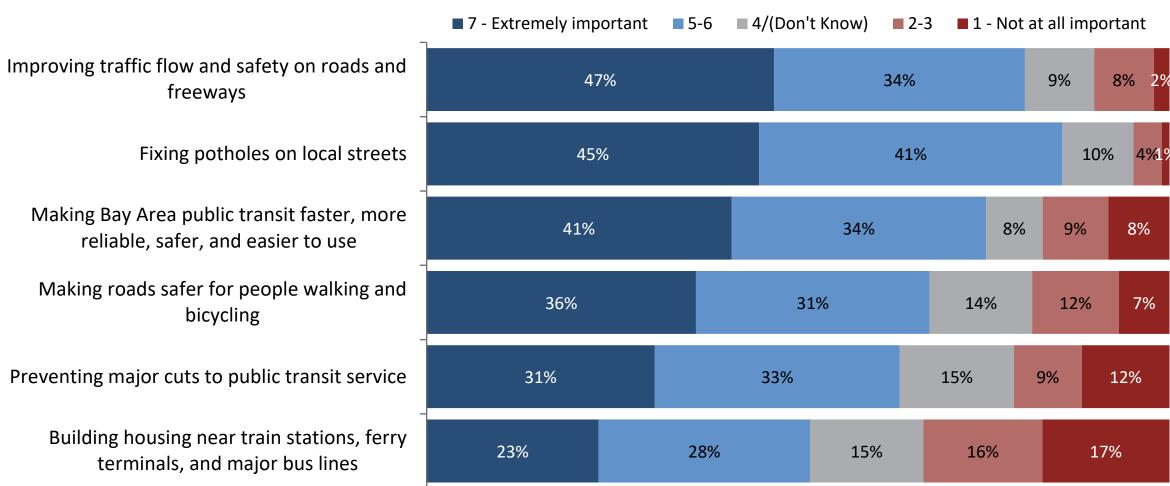




### Transportation Issue Importance



#### San Mateo County



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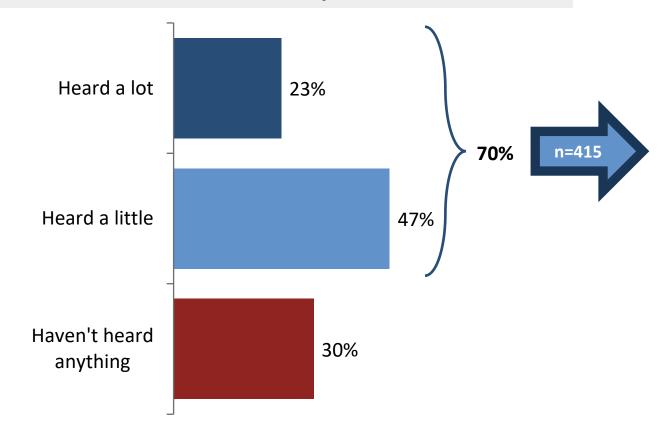
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### **Public Transit Awareness**



#### San Mateo County

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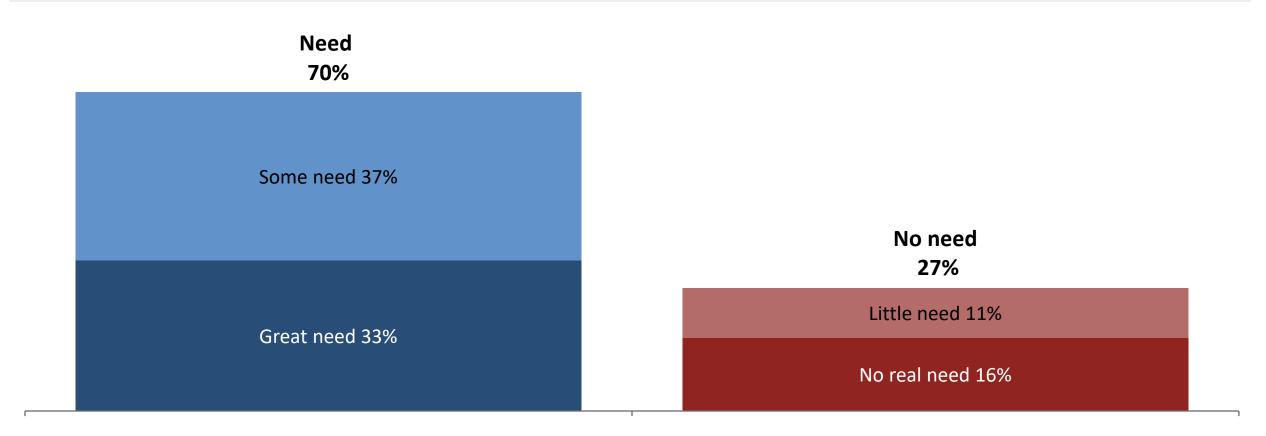
Response	%
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Lack of funds/Cuts	21%
Safety concerns	18%
Toll increases/High prices	10%
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## **Need for Transit Funding**



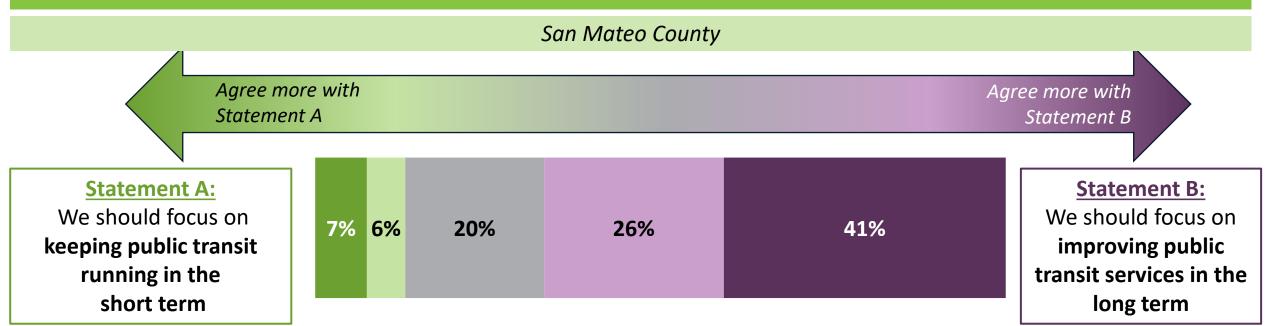
#### San Mateo County

Would you say that public transit in the Bay Area has a great need for more money, some need for more money, little need for more money?



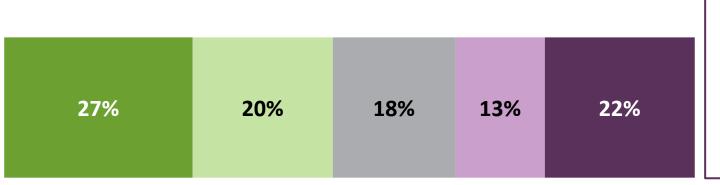
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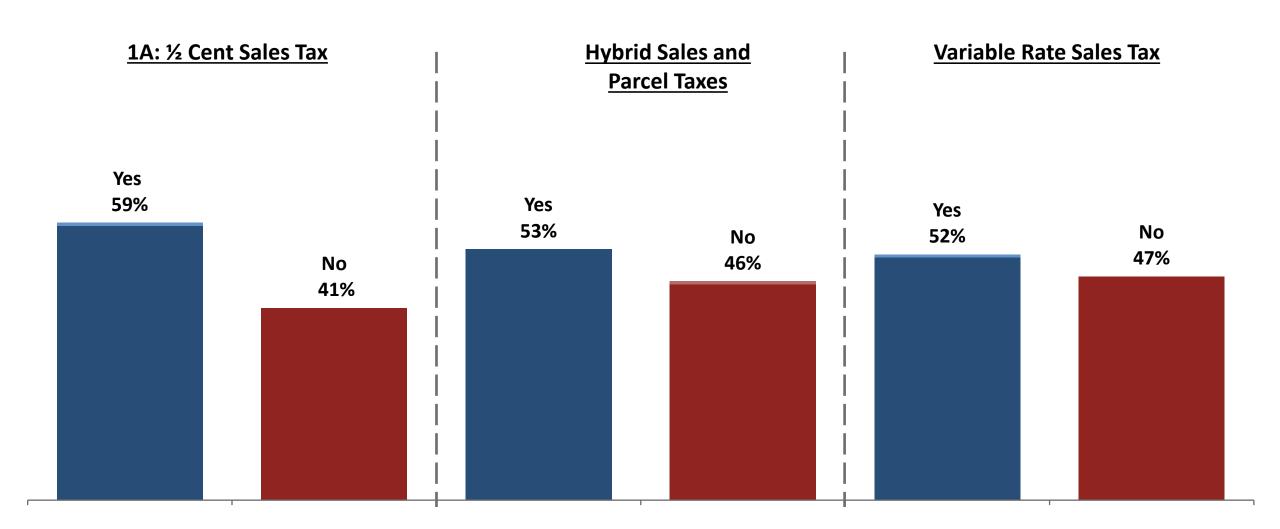
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# **Initial Support**



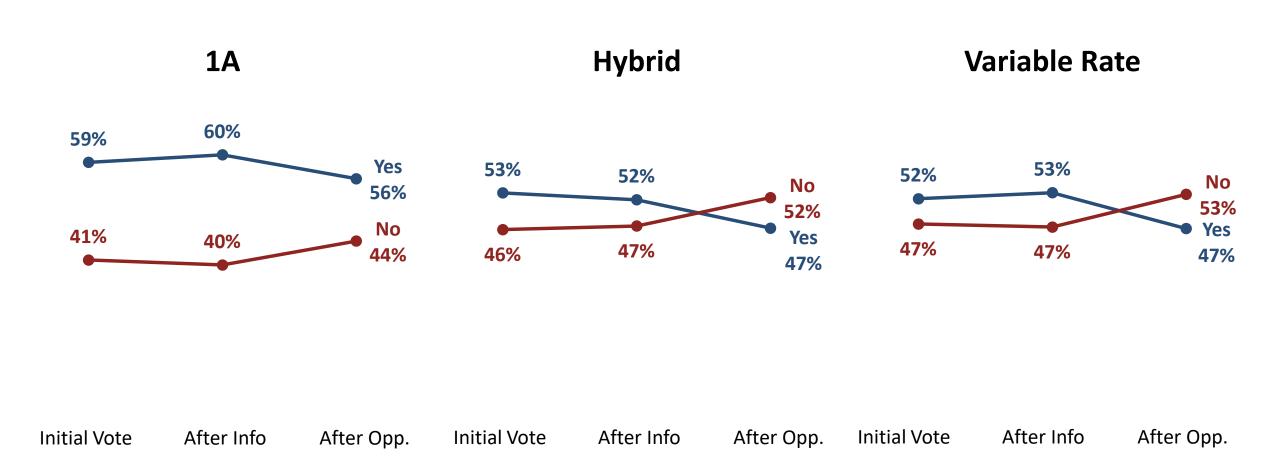
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### **Support Progression**



#### San Mateo County





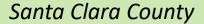
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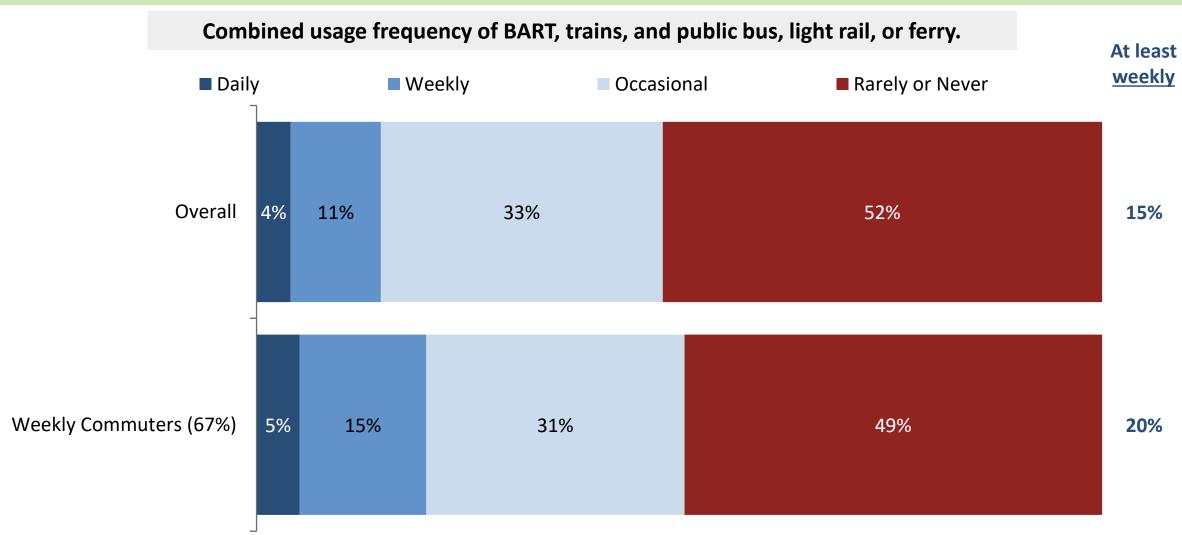
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# Self-Reported Transit Usage



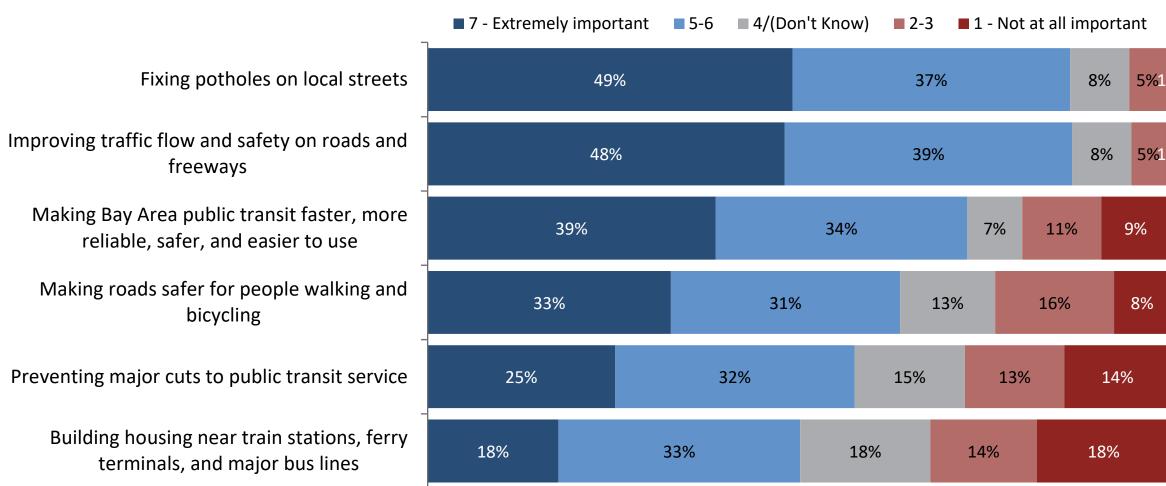




### Transportation Issue Importance



#### Santa Clara County



MoE of ±5.7

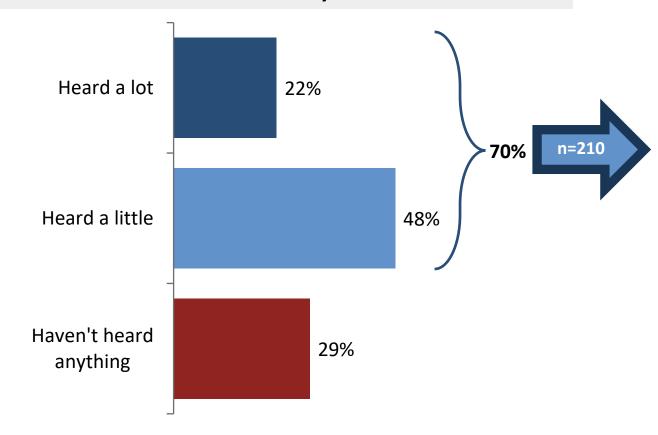
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#### Santa Clara County

# Have you seen or heard anything recently about public transit in the Bay Area?



#### What have you heard or seen?

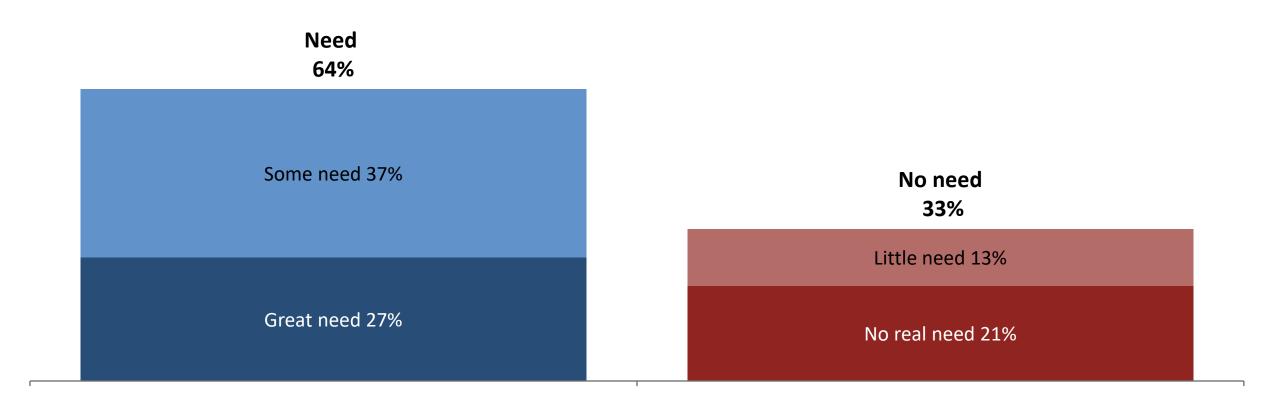
Response	%
Improvements	45%
Lack of funds/Cuts	16%
General negative (Low ridership/Delays/Unclean)	12%
Safety concerns	10%
TV ads/News/Articles	6%
Toll increases/High prices	6%
Schedule Changes	3%

### **Need for Transit Funding**



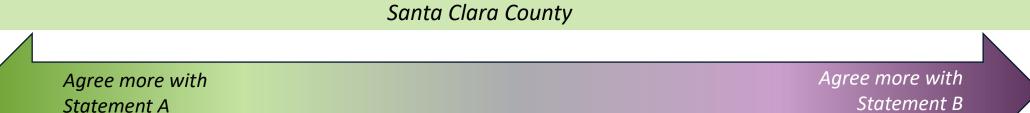
#### Santa Clara County

Would you say that public transit in the Bay Area has a great need for more money, some need for more money, little need for more money, or no real need for more money?



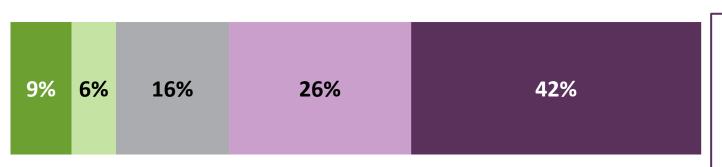
### **Transit Focus & Scope Forced Choices**





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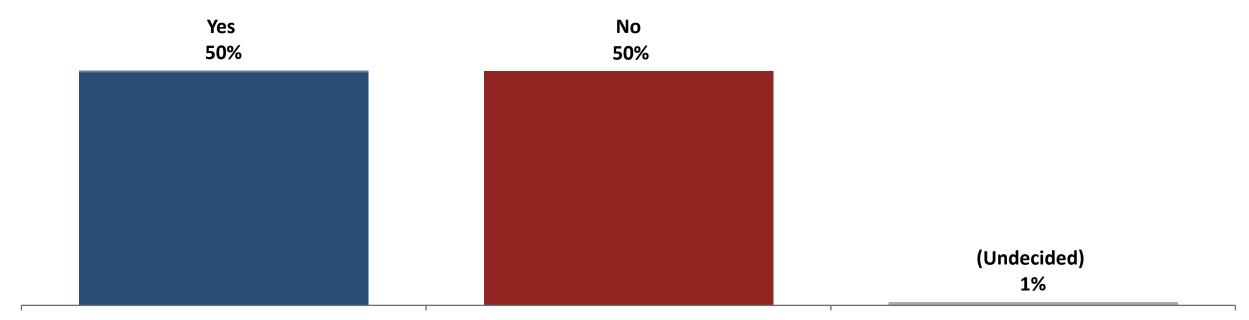
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# **Initial Support**



#### Santa Clara County

#### **Hybrid Sales and Parcel Taxes**

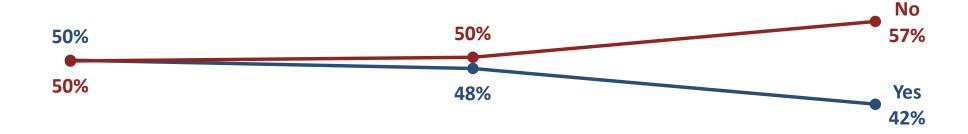


### **Support Progression**



#### Santa Clara County





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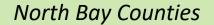
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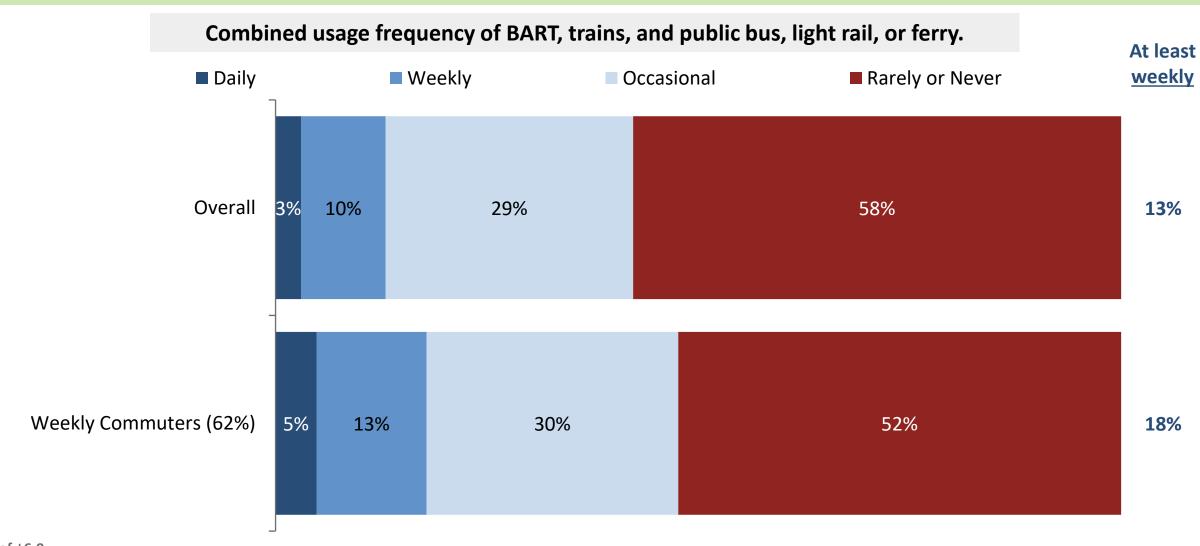
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### Self-Reported Transit Usage



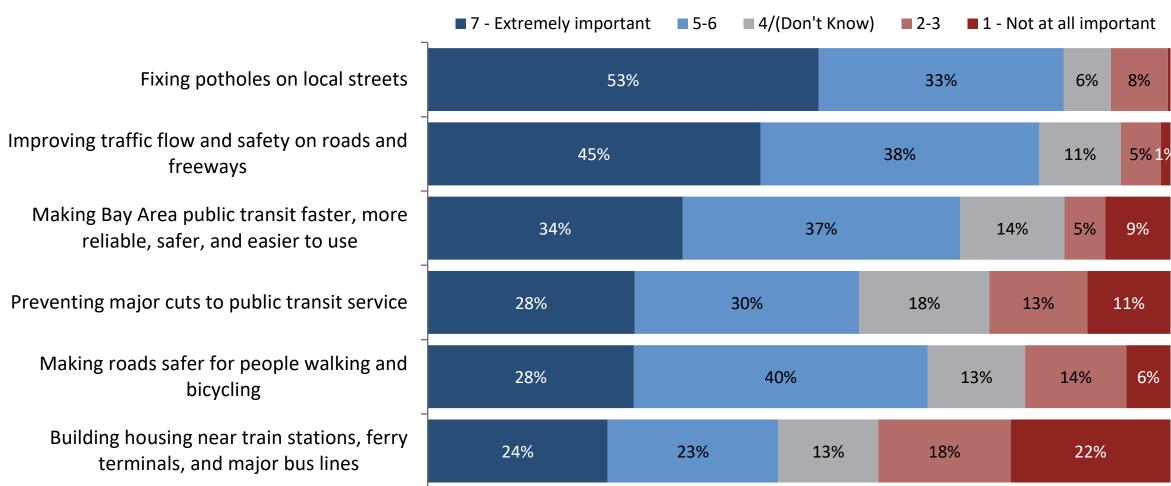




### **Transportation Issue Importance**



#### **North Bay Counties**



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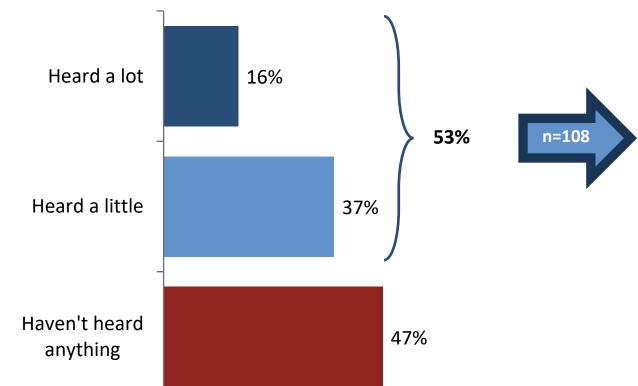
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#### North Bay Counties

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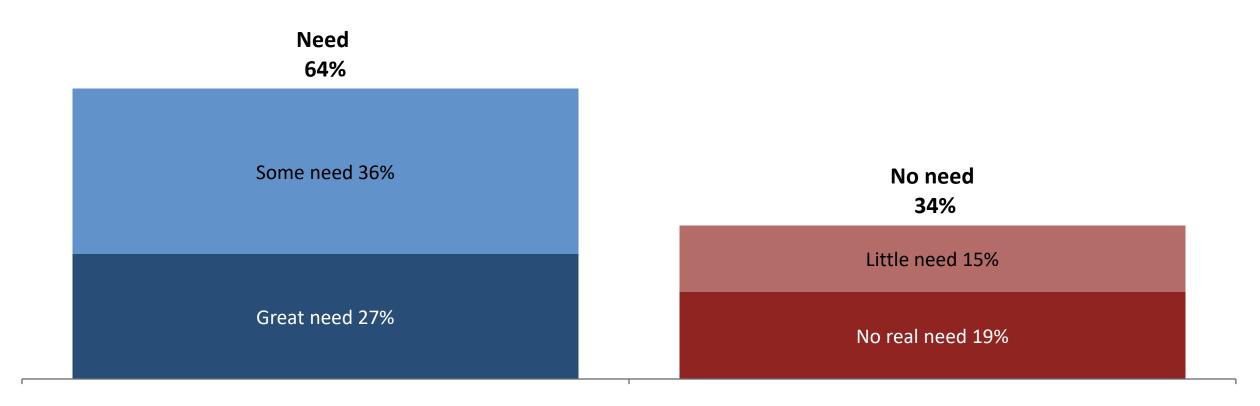
Response	%
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Lack of funds/Cuts	18%
General negative (Low ridership/Delays/Unclean)	18%
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TV ads/News/Articles	4%
Frequently rides transit/Uses BART	1%

## **Need for Transit Funding**



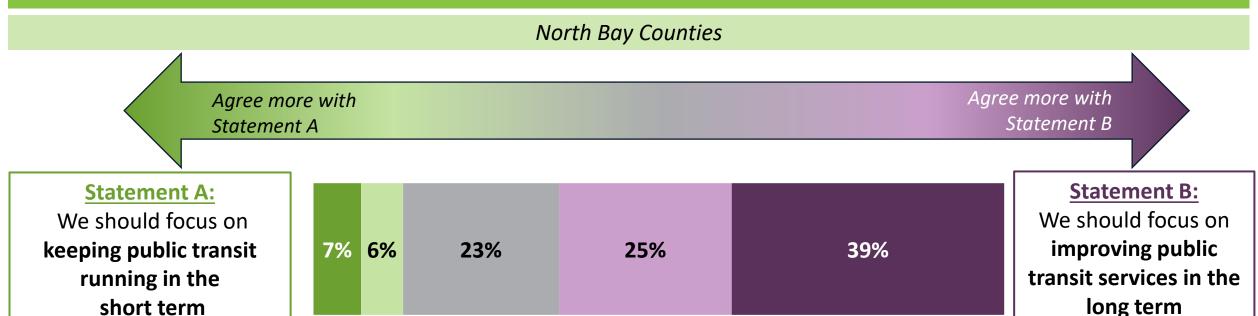
#### North Bay Counties

Would you say that public transit in the Bay Area has a great need for more money, some need for more money, little need for more money, or no real need for more money?



### **Transit Focus & Scope Forced Choices**





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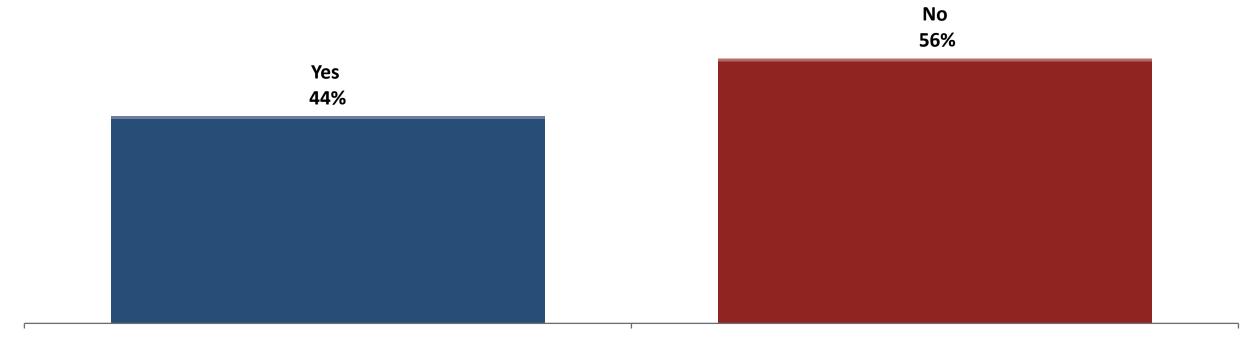
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### **Initial Support**



#### North Bay Counties

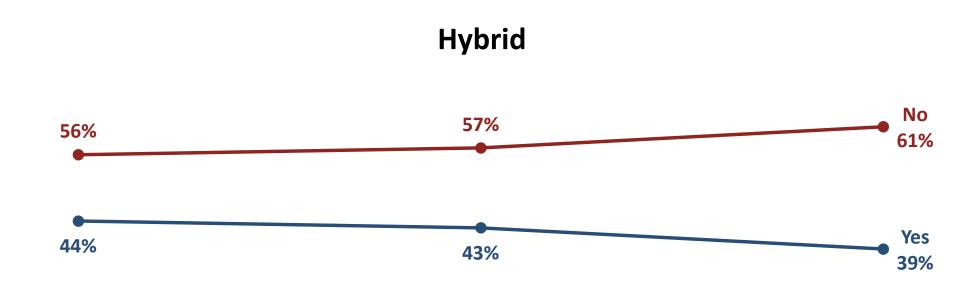
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### **Support Progression**



#### North Bay Counties



Initial Vote After Info After Opp.