PA Statewide Infrastructure Survey

Conducted:
Aug. 16-18, 2010 – 504 interviews.

Margin of error:
+/- 4.4%

Respondents:
Democrat  41 %
Republican  37 %
Independent  20 %

Summary:
Poll shows widespread support across Pennsylvania for action on transportation funding. Among the findings:

- 95 percent of respondents said the quality of transportation matters to the economy
- 87 percent were concerned that the condition of the road and bridge system was not good.
- 74 percent favored a tax on oil companies to close loopholes and pay for transportation
- One in two agreed that license and registration fees increased for inflation make sense to underwrite added transportation investment

Questions and Responses:

How concerned are you about the condition of Pennsylvanian’s infrastructure, including our roads, bridges and highways? Are you....

Extremely Concerned  19 %
Very Concerned  32 %
Somewhat Concerned  36 %
Only a Little Concerned  10 %
Not Concerned at all  3 %

How important is the quality of the state’s infrastructure, including our roads, bridges and highways to the state’s economy? Is it...

Extremely Important  22 %
Very Important  47 %
Somewhat Important  26 %
Only A Little Important  3 %
Not Important at All  2 %
Which of the following reasons to increase Pennsylvania’s infrastructure spending on roads, bridges and highways do you agree with the most? You can only choose one response.

- It will make them safer: 35%
- It will create tens of thousands of Pa. jobs that can’t be outsourced: 33%
- It will be good for the state’s economy: 15%
- It will make them better: 10%
- I agree with none of these: 6%

If you knew that an increase in spending on roads, bridges and highways could be paid for by closing tax loopholes on the oil companies operating in Pennsylvania – and that the oil companies would be forbidden by law from passing the tax increase on to motorists, would that make you…..to support additional spending on the state’s roads, bridges and highways?

- Much More Likely: 43%
- Somewhat More Likely: 31%
- No Impact: 10%
- Somewhat Less Likely: 9%
- Much Less Likely: 7%

Pennsylvania vehicle fees have not been raised in over a decade. If you knew that an increase in spending on roads, bridges and highways could be paid for entirely by increasing fees on drivers licenses and car registration just by the rate of inflation, would that make you .....to support additional spending on the state’s roads, bridges and highways?

- Much More Likely: 15%
- Somewhat More Likely: 33%
- No Impact: 7%
- Somewhat less Likely: 22%
- Much less Likely: 23%