



August 8, 2018

MEMORANDUM

TO: Joint Task Forces Subcommittee and Media
FROM: Jason Tomanek | Assistant City Administrator
SUBJECT: Joint Task Forces Subcommittee Meeting of August 14, 2018

A meeting of the Joint Task Forces Subcommittee is set as follows:

Tuesday, August 14, 2018
11:00 AM | Main Conference Room – Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health Building
500 East Front Avenue

The following agenda items are scheduled:

1. Approval of Minutes | March 22, 2018 Meeting
2. Review Infrastructure Finance Survey Results
3. Discussion | Proposed State Infrastructure Funding Bill
4. Discussion | Next Steps
5. Other Business
6. Adjournment

This meeting is being noticed as a special City Commission meeting due to three city commissioners participating in the task force efforts. No final City Commission action will occur, but it is likely topics relevant to the City of Bismarck will be discussed.



Infrastructure Finance Survey

Administered Online July 26, 2018 - Aug. 4, 2018 by the:

Bismarck-Mandan Board of Realtors
Bismarck-Mandan Development Association
Bismarck-Mandan Home Builders Association
Bismarck-Mandan Chamber of Commerce

For the past 18 months, the City of Bismarck has had two groups working to address related issues regarding infrastructure funding and special assessments.

Because federal and state funding has diminished significantly and has left local governments with limited funding options for major road work within the cities, an Infrastructure Task Force was appointed to discuss funding options for arterial road projects. A Special Assessments Task Force was appointed to discuss new and existing special assessments. Late last year, the two groups were brought together as a combined task force. The combined task force developed the recommendations which would require voter approval. The options relating to Special Assessments continue to be researched and discussed.

The City Commission has asked that task force members gather feedback from our respective members and from the public regarding the recommendations for funding arterial roads. Therefore, we are seeking your feedback. Please take a couple of minutes to submit your responses.

Joint Task Force Recommendation #1

Cap the existing 25-mill property tax buy down funded by the existing 1% sales tax at the 2018 level.

The value of 25 mills is growing faster than total sales tax collections and consequently, the 25-mill property tax buy down is consuming an increasing amount of total sales tax revenue. If left unchanged, all sales tax revenue could be needed to provide the 25-mill property tax buydown and fund the voter-mandated snow gates.

1. Were you aware that sales tax collected in Bismarck is levied to provide a 25-mill property tax reduction?

Yes

No

2. Would you support capping the 25-mill property tax buydown at the 2018 value?

Yes

No

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Joint Task Force Recommendation #2

Implement a 0.5% sales tax, with a 10-year sunset, to fund major arterial road construction.

This additional 0.5% sales tax would be dedicated to funding major arterial road construction (ex. 43rd Avenue or North Washington Street). The sunset provision would require voters to re-authorize the 0.5% sales tax after 10 years.

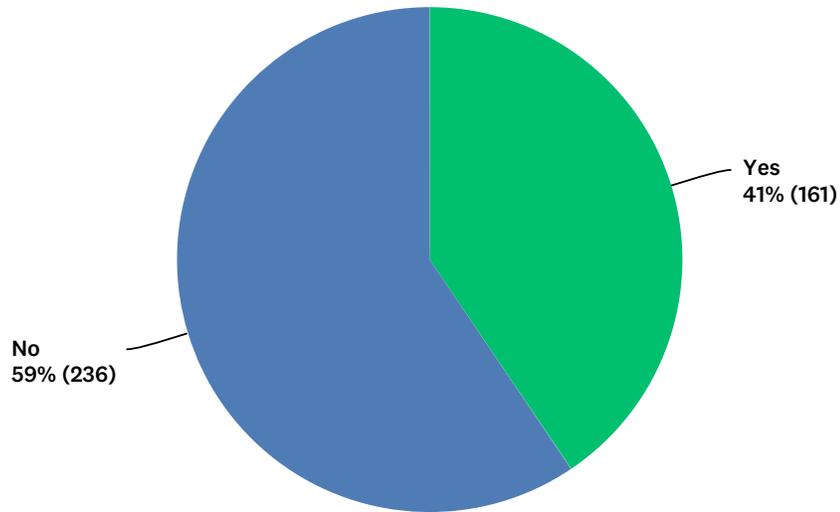
3. Would you support an additional 0.5% sales tax, with a 10-year sunset, to fund major arterial road construction?

Yes

No

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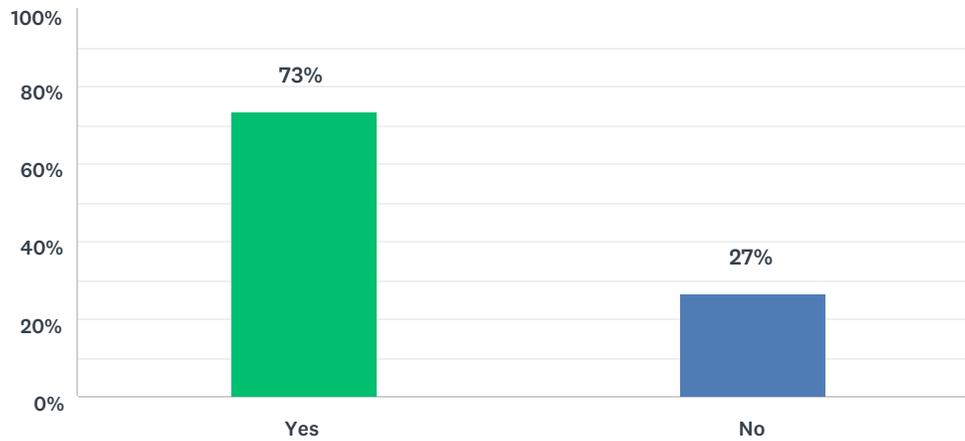
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	41%	161
No	59%	236
TOTAL		397

Q2 Would you support capping the 25-mill property tax buydown at the 2018 value?

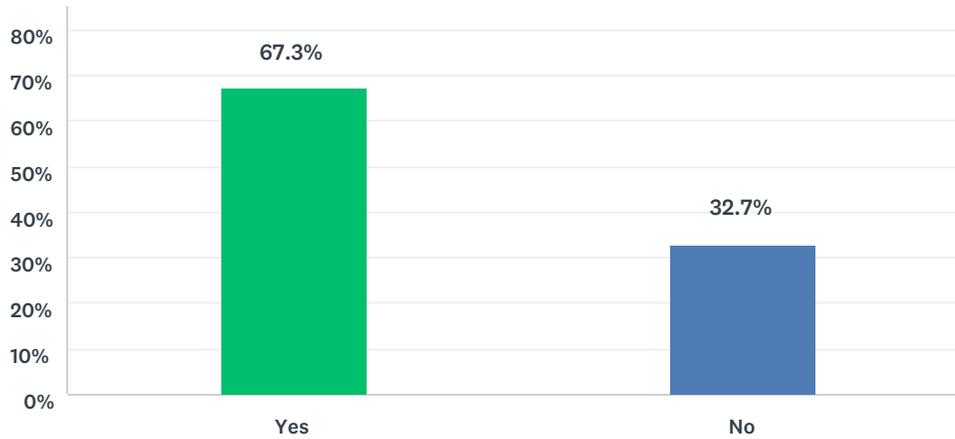
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	73%	285
No	27%	104
TOTAL		389

Q3 Would you support an additional 0.5% sales tax, with a 10-year sunset, to fund major arterial road construction?

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	67.3%	264
No	32.7%	128
TOTAL		392

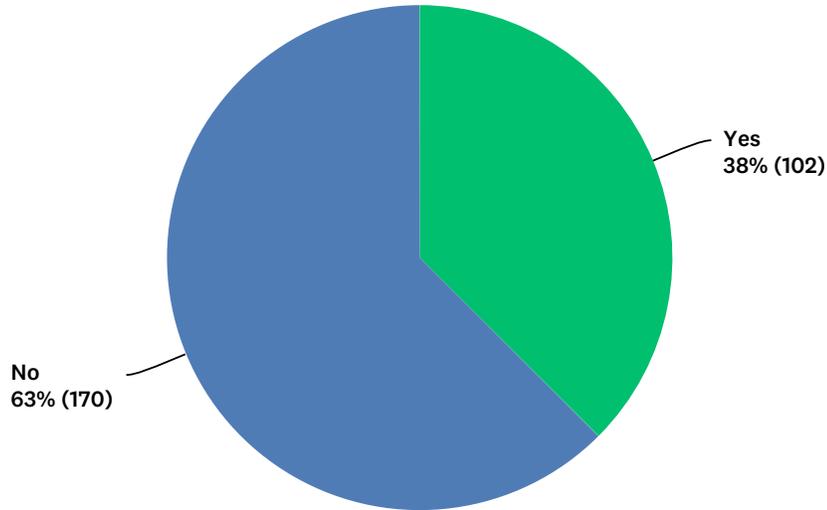
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Bismarck-Mandan Board of Realtors Responses

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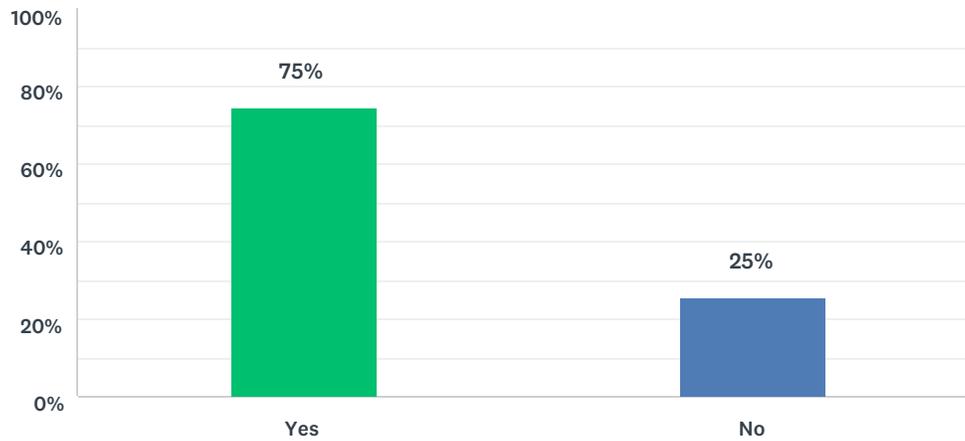
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	38%	102
No	63%	170
TOTAL		272

Q2 Would you support capping the 25-mill property tax buydown at the 2018 value?

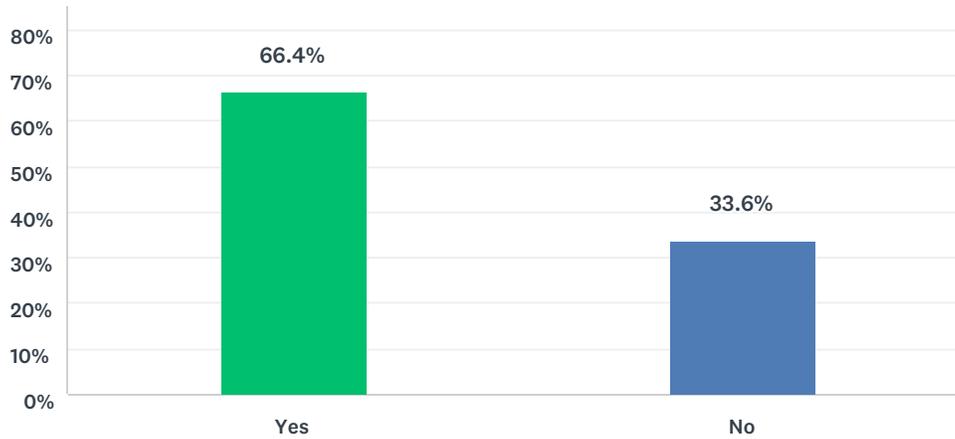
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	75%	200
No	25%	68
TOTAL		268

Q3 Would you support an additional 0.5% sales tax, with a 10-year sunset, to fund major arterial road construction?

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	66.4%	180
No	33.6%	91
TOTAL		271

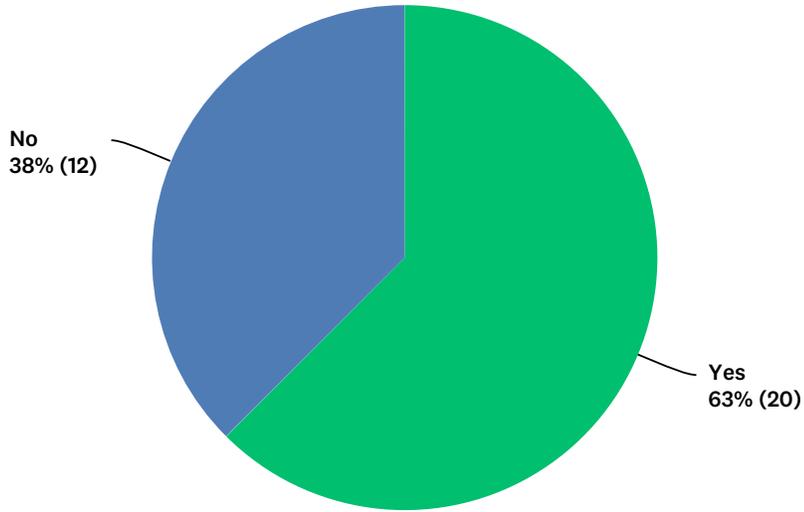
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Bismarck-Mandan Development Association Responses

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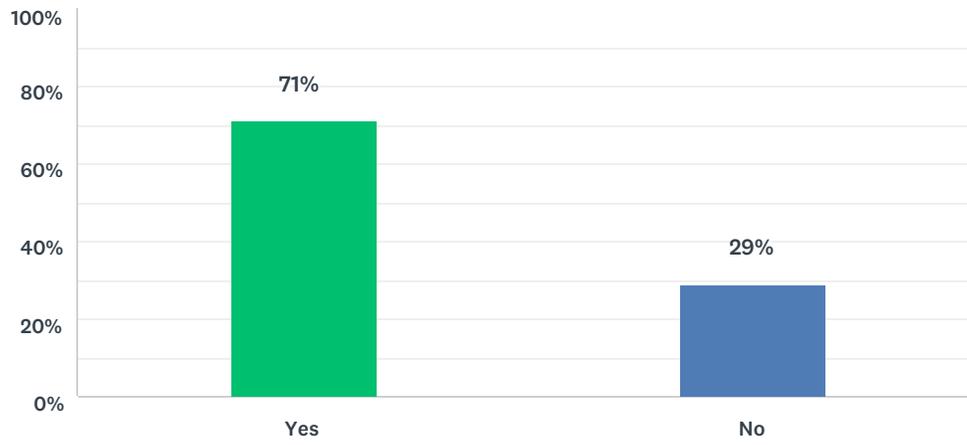
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	63%	20
No	38%	12
TOTAL		32

Q2 Would you support capping the 25-mill property tax buydown at the 2018 value?

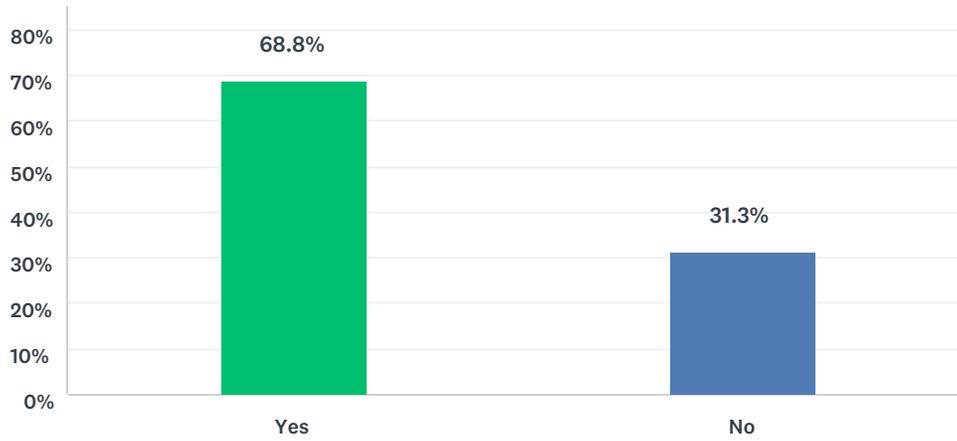
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	71%	22
No	29%	9
TOTAL		31

Q3 Would you support an additional 0.5% sales tax, with a 10-year sunset, to fund major arterial road construction?

Answered: 32 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	68.8%	22
No	31.3%	10
TOTAL		32

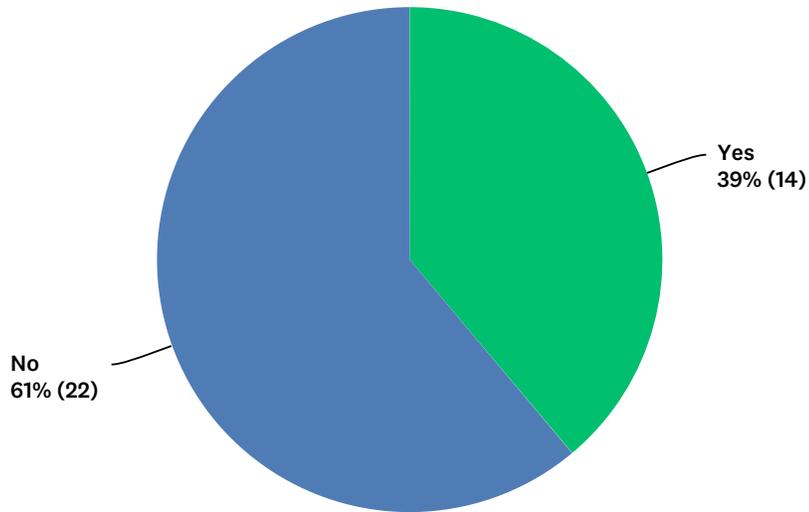
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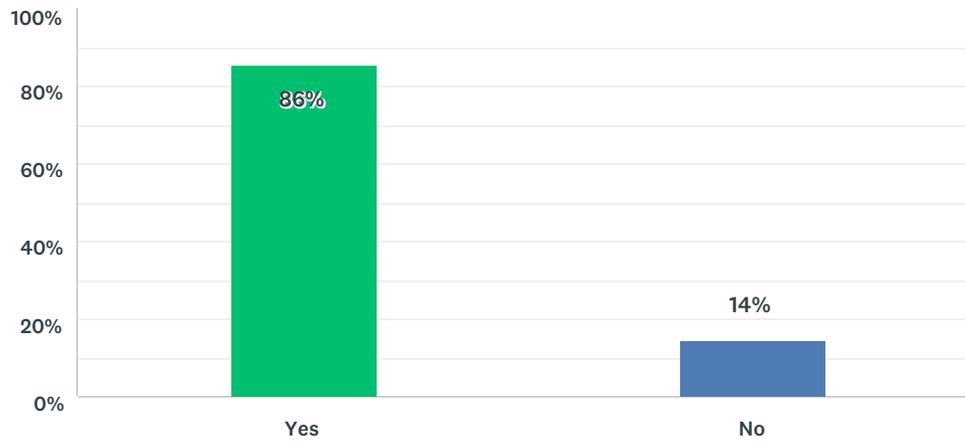
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	39%	14
No	61%	22
TOTAL		36

Q2 Would you support capping the 25-mill property tax buydown at the 2018 value?

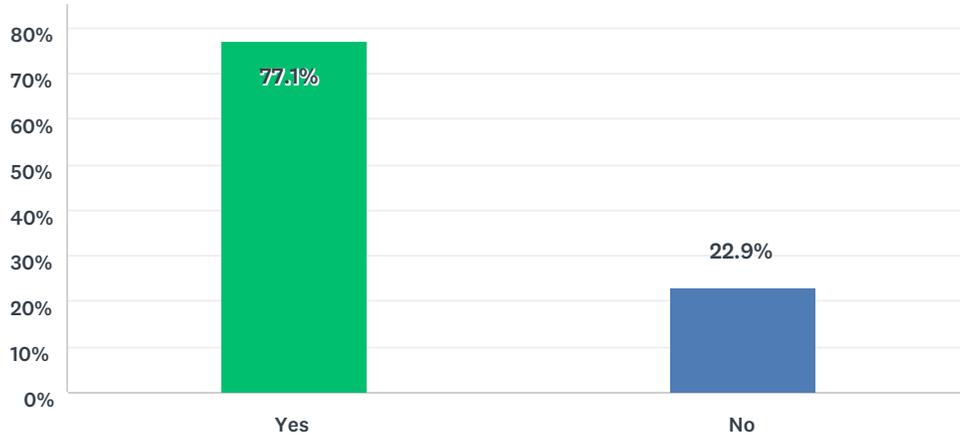
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	86%	30
No	14%	5
TOTAL		35

Q3 Would you support an additional 0.5% sales tax, with a 10-year sunset, to fund major arterial road construction?

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	77.1%	27
No	22.9%	8
TOTAL		35

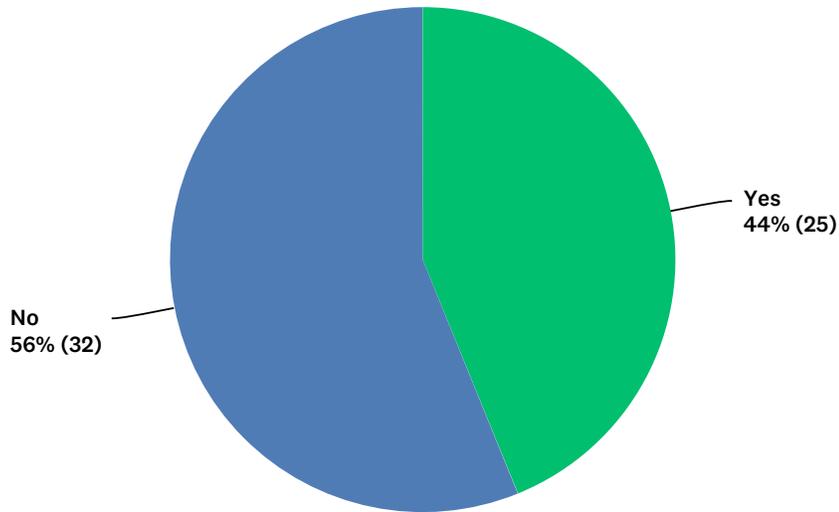
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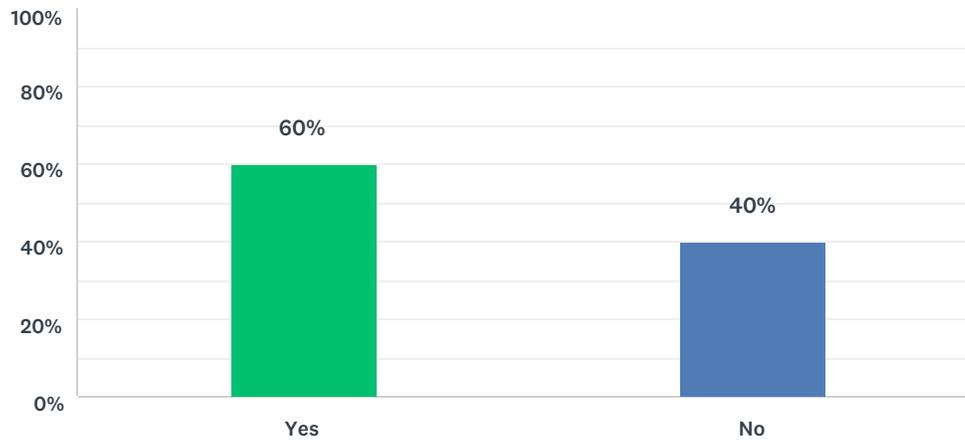
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	44%	25
No	56%	32
TOTAL		57

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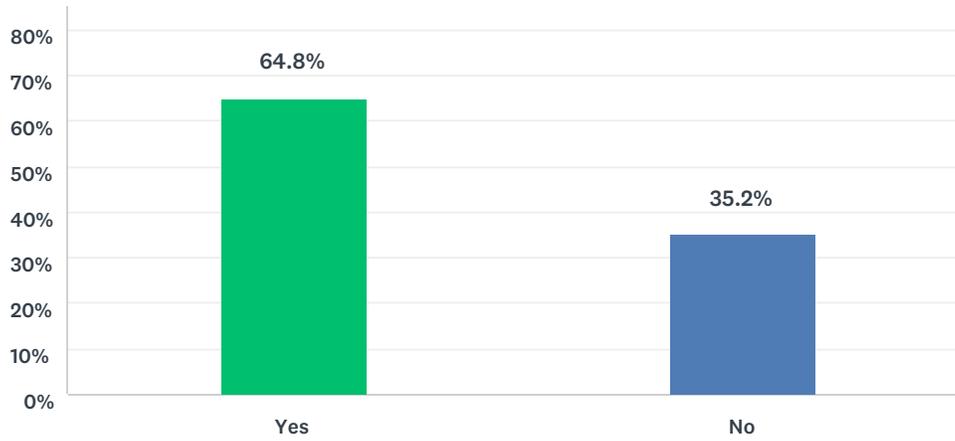
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	60%	33
No	40%	22
TOTAL		55

Q3 Would you support an additional 0.5% sales tax, with a 10-year sunset, to fund major arterial road construction?

Answered: 54 Skipped: 3



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	64.8%	35
No	35.2%	19
TOTAL		54