

## MOBILITY SPENDING GIVEN A GREEN LIGHT

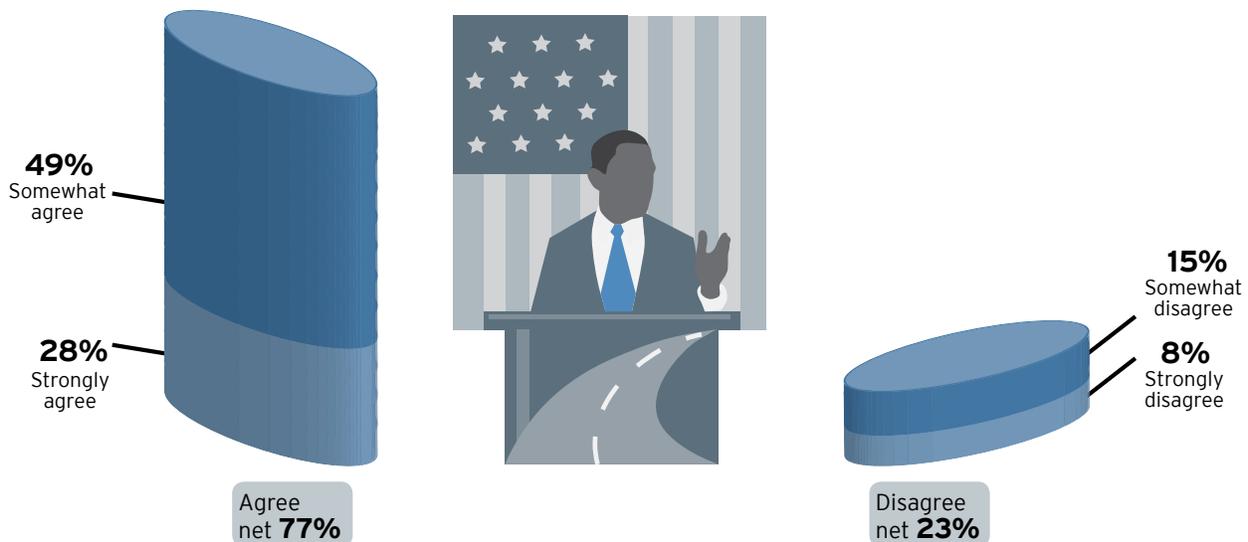
*Majority of Americans are in favor of transportation investments that expand choices, reduce congestion*

Even with the rising price of gasoline, new research from infrastructure firm HNTB Corporation shows the American public has a good grasp of the challenges facing the nation's transportation system. And most are willing to support large-scale projects through increased tolls or taxes if they can be assured of the benefits.

### TRANSPORTATION FOCUS THUMBS UP

*More than three-quarters (77 percent) of Americans agree with President Barack Obama that the federal government should increase spending to repair our crumbling roads, bridges and transit systems.*

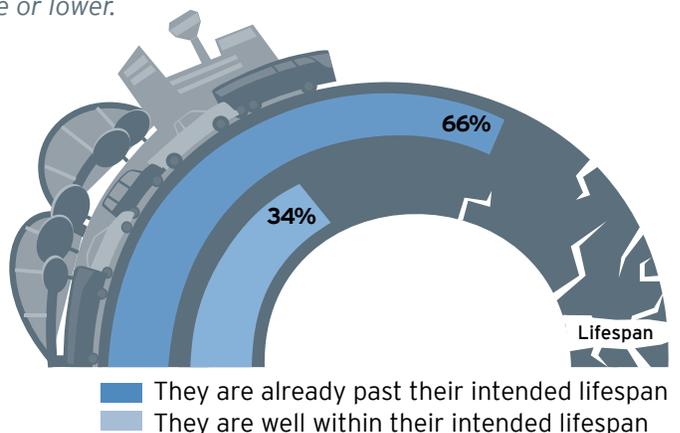
- Q.** In his 2011 State of the Union address, President Barack Obama called for more funding for highways, high-speed rail, public transit and other infrastructure. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statement: The federal government should increase spending to repair our crumbling roads, bridges and transit systems.



### INFRASTRUCTURE GETS MEOIOCRE GRADES

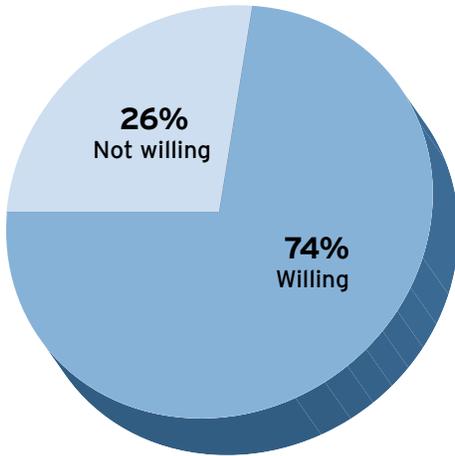
*Two-thirds (66 percent) of Americans think most U.S. infrastructure is past its intended lifespan, and more than 4 in 5 (81 percent) would give our country's infrastructure a C grade or lower.*

- Q.** For the purposes of this survey, 'infrastructure' refers to the physical structures that support a society, including roads, bridges, levees, railways, airports, public buildings, and public transportation. Infrastructure is designed and built to last a certain amount of time, commonly referred to as a lifespan. Which of the following statements about most existing U.S. infrastructure do you think is more accurate?

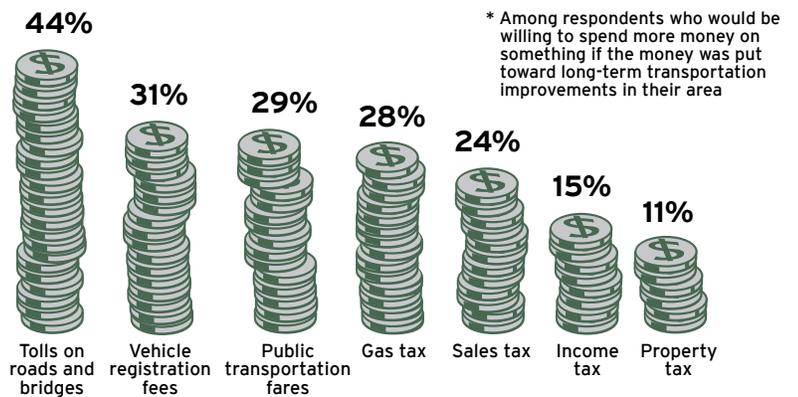


**INVESTING IS BEST**

Many people across the country don't mind spending more of their own money on infrastructure enhancements beyond the immediate future. Almost 3 in 4 (74 percent) Americans would be willing to spend more on various transportation expenses or taxes if the money was put toward long-term transportation improvements. Among those willing to spend more, the most popular expenditure would be a flat-rate increase: tolls on roads and bridges (44 percent).

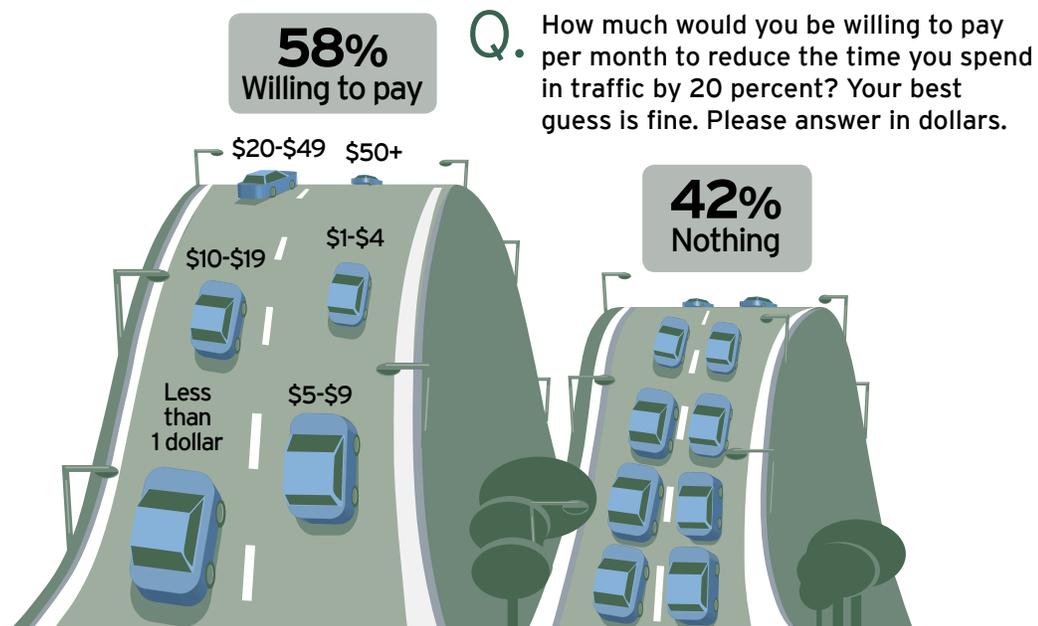


**Q.** Which of the following would you be willing to spend more money on if the money was put toward long-term transportation improvements, such as expanding highway capacity to reduce congestion or introducing high-speed rail, in your area? Choose all that apply.



**CASH FOR CONCRETE REWARDS**

More than half (58 percent) of Americans would pay more each month in order to reduce the time they spend in traffic by 20 percent. These citizens would spend an average of \$13 per month – more than \$150 a year – to make it happen.



HNTB's America THINKS survey polled a random nationwide sample of 1,124 Americans Feb. 18-23, 2011. It was conducted by Kelton Research, which used an e-mail invitation and online survey. Quotas were set to ensure reliable and accurate representation of the total U.S. population ages 18 and over. The margin of error is +/- 2.9 percent. For more information, visit [www.hntb.com](http://www.hntb.com) or contact John O'Connell, (816) 527-2383, [joconnell@hntb.com](mailto:joconnell@hntb.com).