

Executive Summary

The University of New Hampshire Survey Center included eight questions on its July 2015, Granite State Poll for Transport NH. These questions were replicated from a survey that the UNH Survey Center conducted in 2013. A survey of five hundred thirty-two (532) New Hampshire adults was conducted by telephone between July 7 and July 20, 2015. The margin of sampling error for the survey is +/- 4.2%. (See Technical Report below for a more detailed description of survey methods.) The following figures display survey results, detailed tabular results can be found in Appendix A and Appendix B contains the survey instrument.

Key Findings

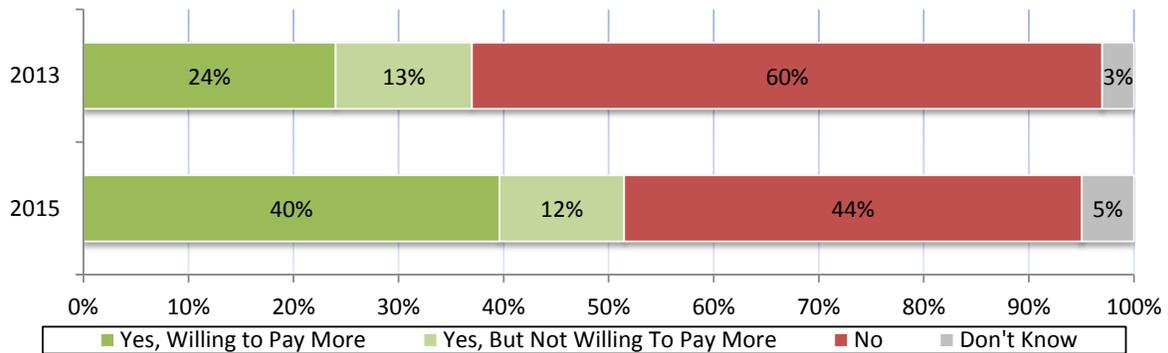
- Seven of the eight areas of investment areas tested have seen a significant increase in support among New Hampshire residents since the 2013 Granite State Future survey.
- A majority of New Hampshire residents (52%) think policy makers should invest more money on reducing congestion levels on major roads at rush hour and 44% do not.
- A large majority of Granite Staters (80%) think policy makers should invest more money to maintain roads, highways and bridges and just 17% do not.
- A majority of New Hampshire adults (55%) think policy makers should invest more money in the availability of bike paths or bike routes and 42% do not.
- Granite Staters are divided on whether policy makers should invest more money in sidewalks and crosswalk areas (47% think they should, 49% don't think they should).
- A majority of New Hampshire residents (52%) think policy makers should invest more money in improving the availability of public transportation and 43% do not.
- New Hampshire adults are divided on whether policy makers should invest more money in traffic safety – 49% think they should and 46% don't think they should.
- Two thirds of Granite Staters (67%) think policy makers should invest more money in improving the availability of senior and special needs transportation and just 24% do not.
- A majority of New Hampshire residents (63%) think policy makers should invest more money in expanding bus or rail service and 31% do not.

NH Transportation System Investments

Over half (52%) of New Hampshire residents believe policy makers should invest more money on reducing congestion levels on major roads at rush hour (40% would be willing to pay more in taxes or fees for these improvements) and 44% do not think they should make these investments.

- This represents a significant change from a 2013 Granite State Future survey when just 37% said policy makers should invest more money on this and only 24% were willing to pay more.
- Registered Democrats and Seacoast residents are *more likely* to support these investments.
- Central/Lakes Region residents and Tea Party supporters are *less likely* to support these investments.

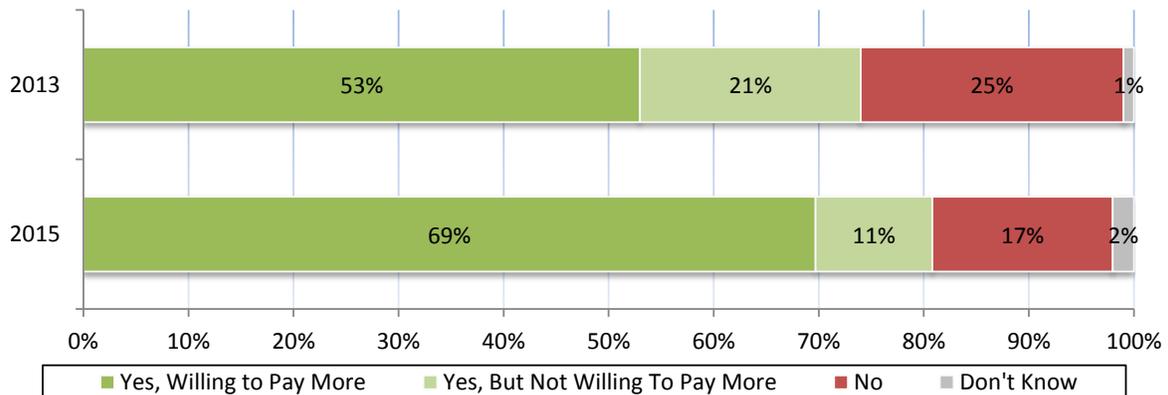
Figure 1: Should policy makers invest more money to reduce congestion levels on major roads at rush hour?



Four in five Granite Staters (80%) think policy makers should invest more money maintaining roads, highways and bridges (69% would be willing to pay more in taxes or fees for these improvements) and 17% do not think they should make these investments.

- This represents a significant increase from a 2013 Granite State Future survey when 74% said policy makers should invest more money on this and only 53% were willing to pay more.
- Newer residents (lived in New Hampshire 10 years or less), residents of the North Country and Central/Lakes Region are *more likely* to support these investments.
- Younger residents (18 to 34) are *more likely* to oppose these investments.

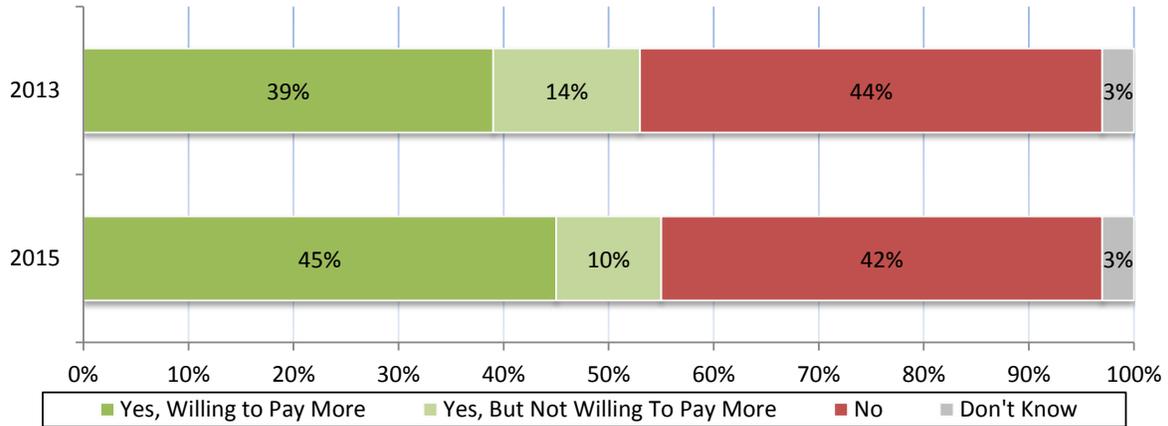
Figure 2: Should policy makers invest more money in maintaining roads, highways and bridges?



Over half (55%) of New Hampshire residents think policy makers should invest more money in the availability of bike paths or bike routes (45% would be willing to pay more in taxes or fees for these improvements) and 42% do not think they should make these investments.

- Democrats (registered and self-identified) are *more likely* to support these investments.
- Republicans (registered and self-identified) are *less likely* to support these investments.

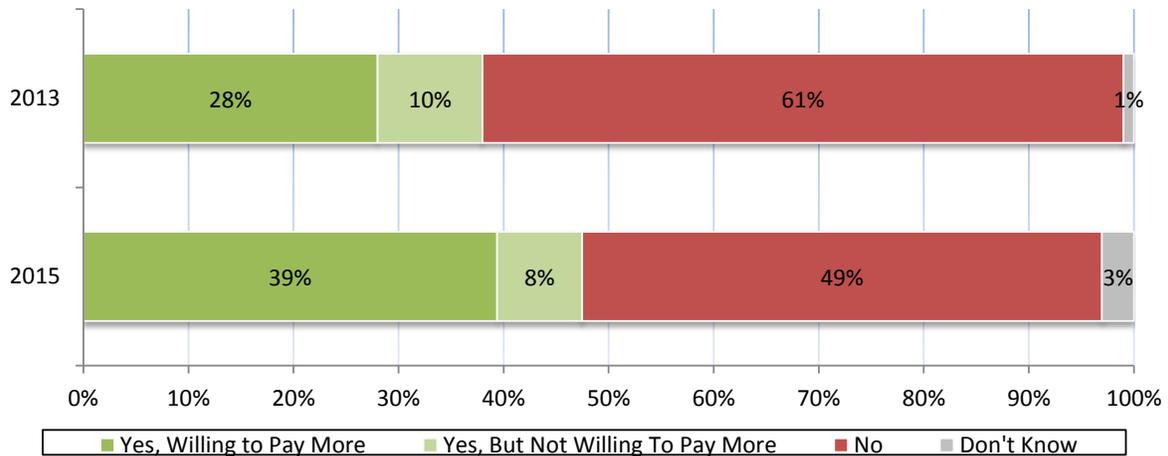
Figure 3: Should policy makers invest more money in the availability of bike paths or bike routes?



Almost half (47%) of Granite Staters believe policy makers should invest more money in sidewalk and crosswalk areas (39% would be willing to pay more in taxes or fees for these improvements) while a plurality (49%) does not think they should make these investments.

- This represents a significant increase in support from a 2013 Granite State Future survey when just 38% said policy makers should invest more money on this and only 28% were willing to pay more.
- Registered Democrats and residents with multiple children are *more likely* to support these investments.
- Registered Republicans are *less likely* to support these investments.

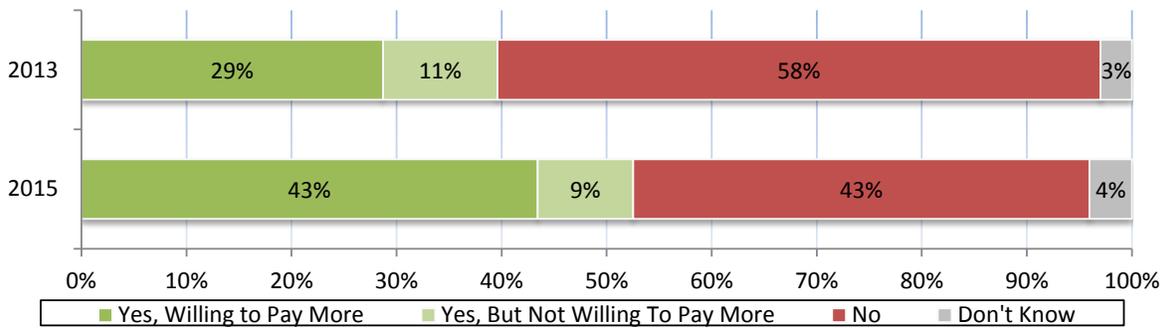
Figure 4: Should policy makers invest more money in sidewalks and crosswalk areas?



A majority (52%) of New Hampshire residents think policy makers should invest more money in the availability of public transportation (43% would be willing to pay more in taxes or fees for these improvements) and 43% do not think they should make these investments.

- This also represents a significant increase in support from a 2013 Granite State Future survey when just 40% said policy makers should invest more money on this and only 29% were willing to pay more.
- Democrats (registered and self-identified), newer residents and North Country residents are *more likely* to support these investments.
- Republicans (registered and self-identified) are *more likely* to oppose these investments.

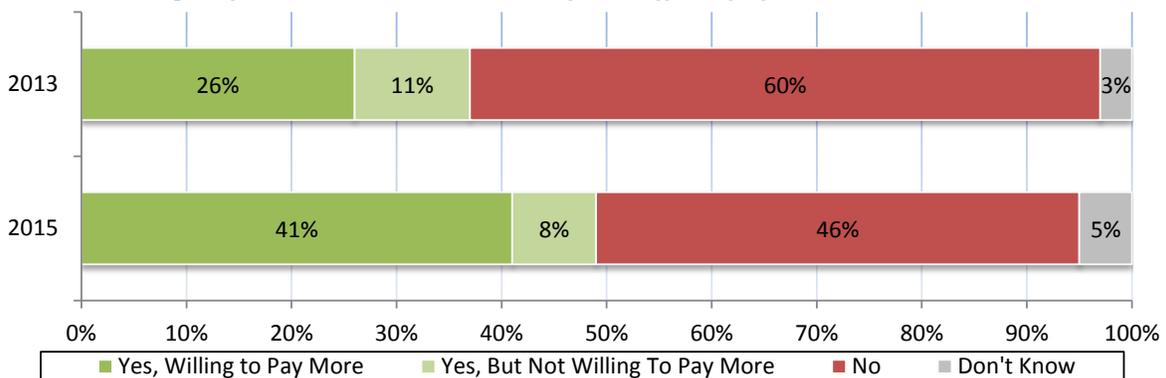
Figure 5: Should policy makers invest more money in improving the availability of public transportation to get around in your community and surrounding communities?



Nearly half (49%) of Granite Staters believe policy makers should invest more money in traffic safety (41% would be willing to pay more in taxes or fees for these improvements) and 46% do not think they should make these investments.

- This represents a significant increase in support from a 2013 Granite State Future survey when just 37% said policy makers should invest more money on this and only 26% were willing to pay more.
- Registered Democrats, newer residents and those with a high school education or less are *more likely* to support these investments.
- Residents with a household income over \$100,000 are *more likely* to oppose these investments.

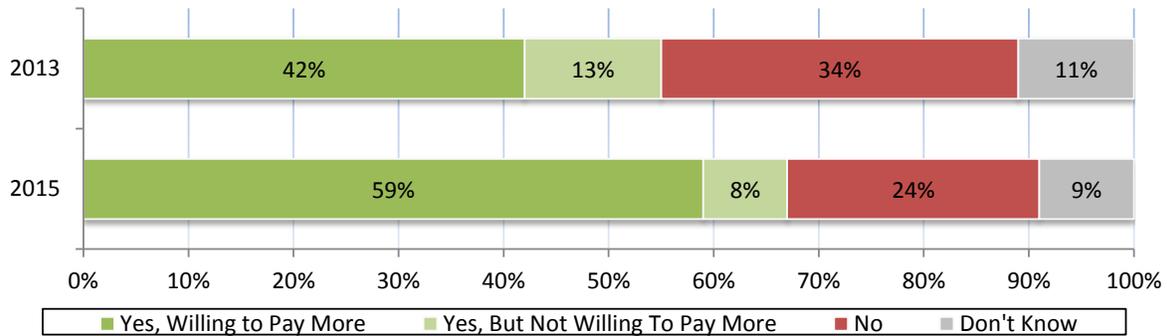
Figure 6: Should policy makers invest more money in traffic safety?



Two thirds (67%) of New Hampshire residents believe policy makers should invest more money in the availability of senior and special needs transportation (59% would be willing to pay more in taxes or fees for these improvements) and 24% do not think they should make these investments.

- This represents a significant increase in support from a 2013 Granite State Future survey when just 55% said policy makers should invest more money on this and only 42% were willing to pay more.
- Registered Democrats, residents with a household income less than \$60,000, newer residents, and residents of the North Country and Seacoast area are *more likely* to support these investments.
- Republicans (registered and self-identified), Tea Party supporters and Connecticut Valley residents are *more likely* to oppose these investments.

Figure 7: Should policy makers invest more money in improving availability of senior and special needs transportation?



Sixty-three percent (63%) of New Hampshire residents think policy makers should invest more money in expanding bus or rail service (51% would be willing to pay more in taxes or fees for these improvements) and 31% do not think they should make these investments.

- This represents a significant increase in support from a 2013 Granite State Future survey when just 50% said policy makers should invest more money on this and only 37% were willing to pay more.
- Democrats (registered and self-identified) and Boston Globe readers are *more likely* to support these investments.
- Registered Republicans, Independents and Seacoast residents are *more likely* to oppose these investments.

Figure 8: Should policy makers invest more money in expanding bus or rail service for commuting between major cities?

