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Baltimore Voters Support Equitable Transportation Funding, Enhanced Trail Infrastructure

Residents Prefer Active, Connected Communities



Equitable Transportation Funding and Enhanced Trail Infrastructure

A new poll revealing Baltimore voters' strong support for rebalancing transportation spending priorities and enhancing infrastructure for walking and biking was released today by Rails to Trails Conservancy (RTC) and the Central Maryland Transportation Alliance (CMTA). The findings highlight a clear preference for a more equitable allocation of funds across pedestrian/bike infrastructure, public transit and highways, moving away from the current budget which predominantly supports highways.

Hypothetically, assume you're the government and you have \$100 to spend on transportation.

How would you distribute funds among each of the following six policies?

Mean responses:

\$23.52

Fixing and maintaining roads and highways

\$17.13

Fixing and maintaining existing public transportation

\$15.87

Expanding and building new public transportation

\$15.60

Expanding and building new roads and highways

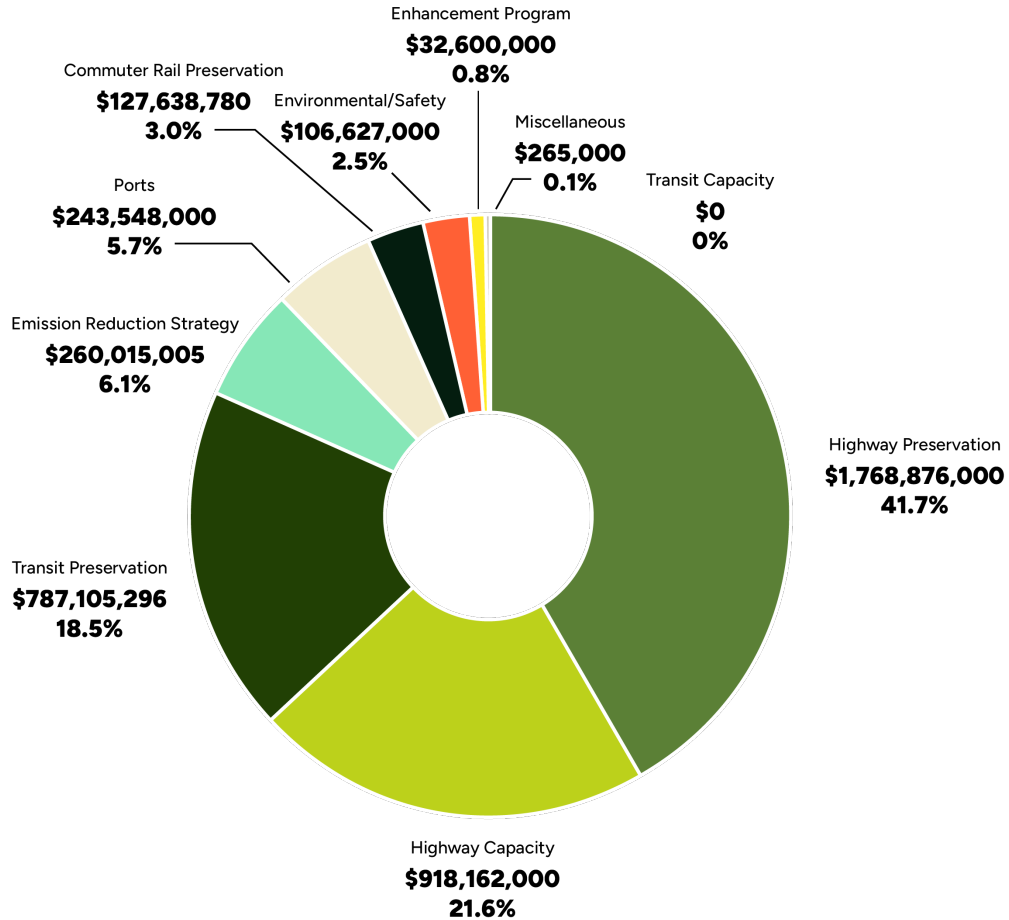
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Fixing and maintaining walking and biking facilities like trails and sidewalks

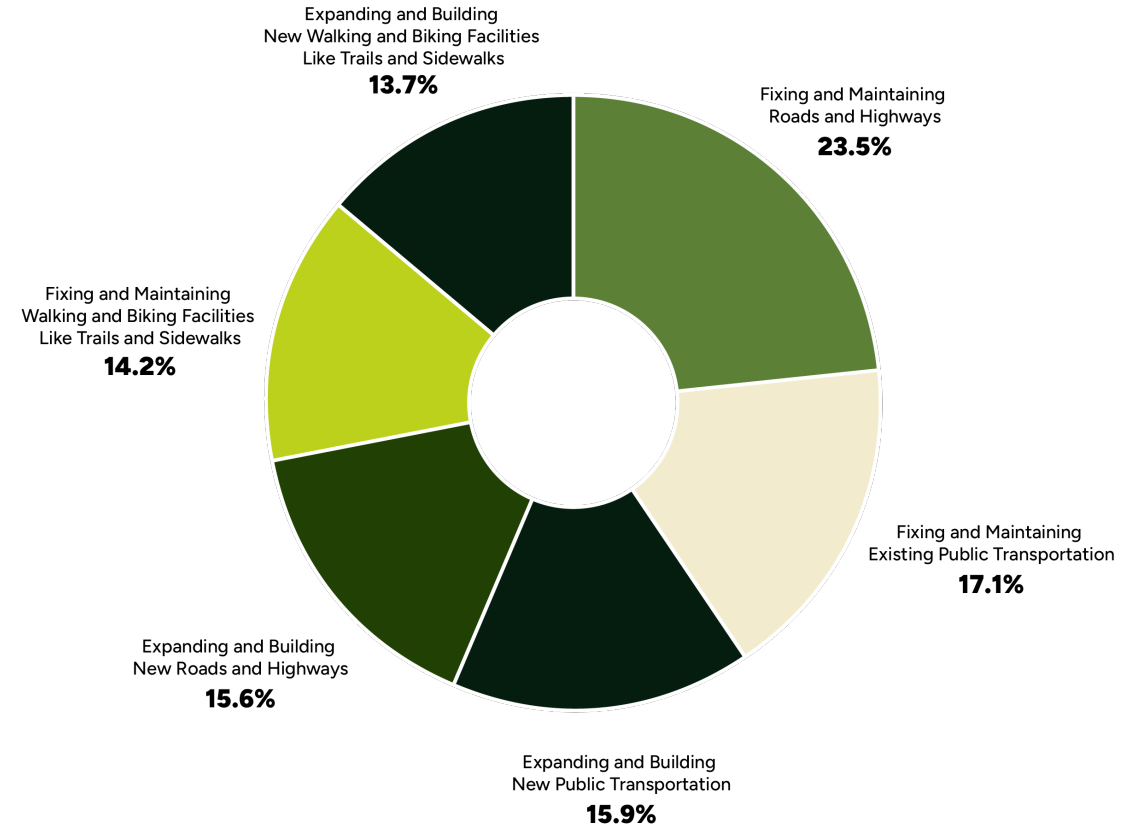
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Expanding and building new walking and biking facilities like trails and sidewalks

TIP Compared to Voters' Responses



2024 – 2027 Transportation Improvement Program



Mean Poll Responses



How much more likely or less likely are you to vote for an elected official who prioritizes trails for walking, biking, etc.?

	Total	City	County
N =	750	500	250
Much more likely	27%	29%	21%
Somewhat more likely	32%	30%	35%
Neither more likely or less likely	35%	33%	38%
Somewhat less likely	2%	2%	3%
Much less likely	4%	5%	3%
Categories			
Total More Likely	58%	60%	56%
Neither	35%	33%	38%
Total Less Likely	6%	7%	6%



The Baltimore Greenway Trails Network is a vision for a 35-mile world-class network of urban trails that will link together the diverse neighborhoods, cultural amenities and outdoor resources that make up the landscape of Baltimore City.

Based on this description, do you support or oppose the Greenway Trails Network?

	Total	City	County
N =	750	500	250
Strongly support	35%	38%	27%
Somewhat support	35%	33%	40%
Neither support or oppose	26%	25%	27%
Somewhat oppose	3%	3%	2%
Strongly oppose	2%	1%	3%
Categories			
Total Support	70%	71%	67%
Neither	26%	25%	27%
Total Oppose	4%	4%	6%



Ideally, how frequently would you like to use a trail relative to your current trail usage?

	Total	City	County
N =	750	500	250
A lot more	19%	19%	20%
A little more	36%	35%	40%
About the same amount	29%	30%	27%
A little less	3%	3%	3%
None at all	13%	14%	10%
Categories			
Total More	56%	53%	60%
Same	29%	30%	27%
Total Less/None	15%	17%	13%



How do you typically get from place to place, including your commute, errands, social appointments, etc.?

Please select all that apply.

	Total	City	County
N =	750	500	250
Car, SUV, minivan, truck, or rideshare (e.g., Lyft, Uber)	76%	73%	83%
Public transportation (e.g., bus, subway, train or MTA Mobility)	36%	43%	21%
Walking	36%	41%	24%
Bicycle	12%	15%	7%
Electric bike or e-bike	8%	9%	5%
Stand up electric scooter or other micro-mobility device	6%	7%	2%
Motorcycle, moped, or sit down scooter (e.g., Vespa)	5%	6%	4%
Other mobility aid (e.g., wheelchair or mobility scooter)	2%	2%	2%
Other (please specify)	1%	1%	2%



How much of an obstacle are each of the following when it comes to your decision to WALK OR BIKE from place to place, including your commute, errands, social appointments?

	N=	Not an obstacle	A minor obstacle	A moderate obstacle	A major obstacle	Total Obstacle	Not/Minor Obstacle
Violence or crime along the route	750	27%	25%	26%	23%	49%	51%
Poor weather or climate in your area	750	21%	32%	29%	17%	46%	54%
The amount of traffic along the route	750	24%	32%	28%	17%	45%	55%
The distance between home and my destination	750	29%	27%	27%	16%	44%	56%
The speed of traffic along the route	750	25%	33%	25%	17%	42%	58%
Traveling early in the morning or late at night	750	33%	28%	24%	16%	40%	60%
Many hills or other challenging terrain along the route	750	37%	27%	22%	13%	36%	64%
The obligations I have before or after work/school	750	42%	24%	21%	12%	33%	67%
Having to pick up children or other family members as part of the trip	750	55%	19%	16%	10%	26%	74%



For the purposes of this survey, a trail is a path separated from vehicle traffic, used for walking, biking, jogging, rollerblading, wheelchair use, etc. A trail network is a group of interconnected trails that connect people, places, and communities.

What is the distance in miles from your home to the nearest trail you are aware of?

	Total	City	County
N =	750	500	250
Less than 1 mile	17%	18%	16%
1-2 miles	27%	29%	23%
3-5 miles	24%	26%	22%
More than 5 miles	13%	12%	16%
Not sure	18%	16%	24%