

MAPPING THE ROAD TO STIMULUS SUCCESS

Americans throw their support behind better infrastructure, but questions remain

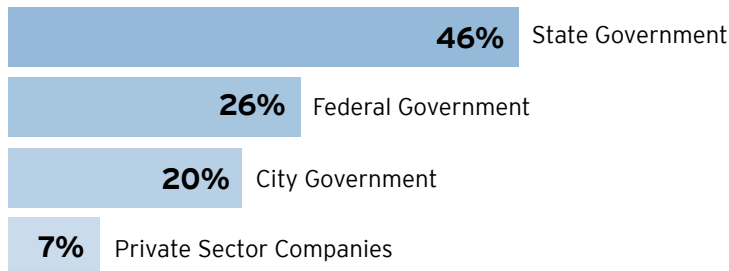
A new study from HNTB Corporation shows legislators – and the state and local governments that receive stimulus funds – should keep their eyes on the road.

According to the study, Americans overwhelmingly believe our national infrastructure is crumbling and are willing to spend more of their tax dollars to fix it. They also recognize improving infrastructure creates jobs and improves quality of life. And, while the general public is ready for sacrifice, misinformation, mistrust and a lack of vision could threaten long-term transportation funding unless leaders persuasively educate the public on the scale of the problem and the options America has to consider.

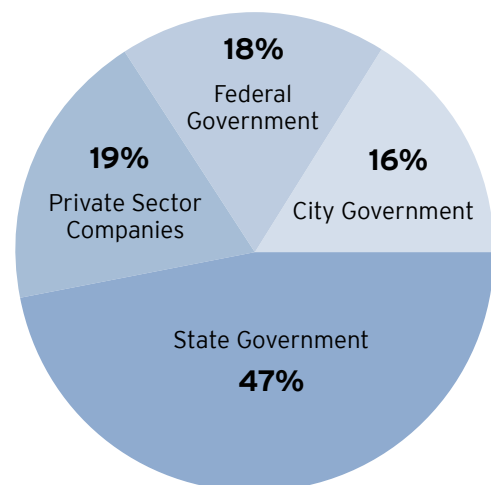
MORE AMERICANS TRUST STATE GOVERNMENT

Given a choice, more Americans (56 percent) would prefer tax dollars go to the infrastructure problems in their area, rather than the biggest ones across the nation. They prefer state governments take primary responsibility.

Q. Who do you think should be most responsible for planning and funding infrastructure projects?

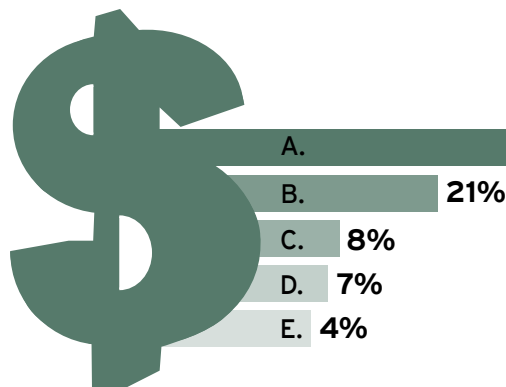


Q. Who do you think best manages and maintains infrastructure projects?



ROADS AND BRIDGES ARE MOST IMPORTANT

Nearly half (46 percent) of the nation also considers the issue of highway and bridge repairs to have gone unaddressed the longest versus other major infrastructure



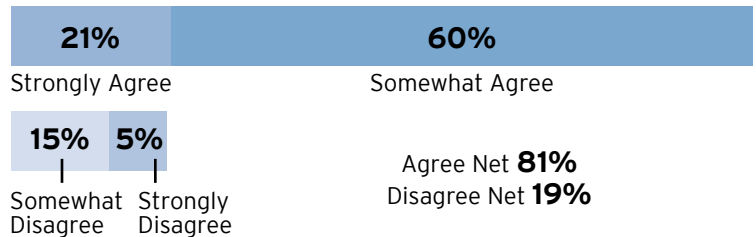
Q. The details of the proposed American Recovery and Reinvestment economic stimulus package were recently announced by the U.S. House of Representatives. Which of the following items included in the plan is most important to you?

- A. Highway and bridge maintenance and new construction
- B. Public transit maintenance and new construction
- C. Improving safety and reducing congestion at airports
- D. Waterway navigation and flood protection
- E. Increasing Amtrak and intercity passenger rail speed and capacity

PEOPLE ARE WILLING TO MAKE A SACRIFICE

The average American is willing to part with \$22 a month to reduce the time they spend in traffic by 20 percent. Sixty-eight percent are willing to pay more taxes to support highway and bridge maintenance and new construction.

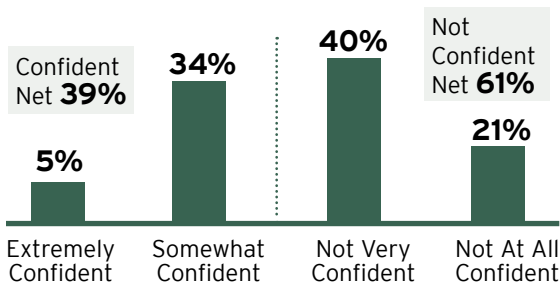
Q. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statement: As Americans, making sacrifices to pay for infrastructure improvements now will make the difference between a more prosperous or a more difficult future for the next generation?



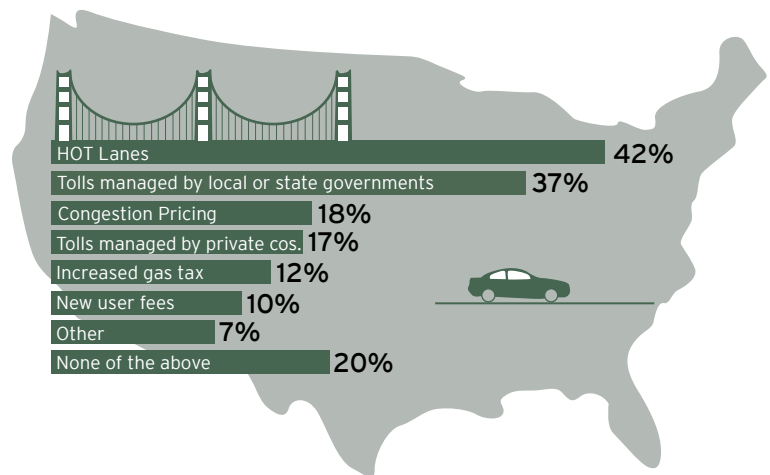
QUESTIONS REMAIN ABOUT THE PROBLEM AND HOW TO PAY FOR IT

Nearly half of all Americans (49 percent) believe the gas tax is sufficient to properly maintain our roads and bridges.

Q. How confident are you that the taxes you pay to build roads in your area are used well and make a difference?



Q. How should America pay for roads and bridges in the future? (Choose all that apply.)



PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION IS SEEN AS TRANSFORMATIVE

Half (50 percent) of all Americans believe spending on highway projects should equal spending on public transportation. Sixty-six percent believe freight and passenger traffic should be separated on the roads and rails.

Q. How strongly do you agree or disagree: Expansion of public transportation systems, such as high-speed rail and light rail transit, can transform American travel and commerce, just as the Interstate Highway System did during the 20th century.

