



Rails to Trails
September, 2014
1000 sample nationwide survey, likely 2016 voters

	TOTAL N= 1000	MEN 480	WOMEN 520
Gender			
Men	48	100	0
Women.....	52	0	100
Region			
New England.....	5	5	5
Mid-Atlantic	13	13	13
East-North-Central	17	17	17
West-North-Central	8	8	8
South Atlantic.....	20	20	20
East-South-Central	6	6	6
West-South-Central	9	9	9
Mountain	7	7	7
Pacific	15	15	15

1. How likely are you to vote in the elections in November 2016; for President, Senate, Congress, and other offices -- are you almost certain to vote, will you probably vote, are the chances about 50-50, are you probably not going to vote, or are you definitely not going to vote?

Almost Certain	91	94	88
Probably	9	6	12
50-50	TERMINATE		
Probably not	TERMINATE		
Definitely not	TERMINATE		
(Don't know)	TERMINATE		

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2. If you had \$100 tax dollars, how would you distribute it among each of the following - maintaining and creating roads and highways; expanding and improving public transportation; expanding and improving walking and biking paths, and sidewalks.

Sorted by Mean Amount

a. Maintaining and creating roads and highways	42.2	45.8	38.9
b. Expanding and improving public transportation	30.7	30.0	31.4
c. Expanding and improving walking and biking paths, and sidewalks	26.9	24.1	29.5

a. _Maintaining and creating roads and highways

Mean	42.2	45.8	38.9
\$100	10	13	8
\$51 - 99	10	12	8
\$50	15	14	16
\$34 - 49	11	13	10
\$33	23	22	24
\$1 - 32	18	15	20
\$0	10	8	11
(don't know)	3	3	3

b. _Expanding and improving public transportation

Mean	30.7	30.0	31.4
\$100	4	4	4
\$51 - 99	3	3	3
\$50	10	8	13
\$34 - 49	11	13	9
\$33	23	22	24
\$1 - 32	28	28	28
\$0	17	18	16
(don't know)	3	3	3

c. _Expanding and improving walking and biking paths, and sidewalks

Mean	26.9	24.1	29.5
\$100	4	3	5
\$51 - 99	2	2	2
\$50	7	4	10
\$34 - 49	7	7	8
\$33	24	23	25
\$1 - 32	34	36	32
\$0	19	22	17
(don't know)	3	3	3

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3. About 1.5 percent of federal transportation funds support walking and biking. Would you prefer to increase, maintain, or decrease the federal funding for walking and biking paths?

Increase	31	31	32
Maintain	43	41	46
Decrease	19	24	15
(don't know)	6	5	7

4. [Split Sampled] If a candidate for Congress said that federal transportation funds should be used only for highways and roads and would eliminate funds for walking and biking paths, would you be more or less likely to vote for that candidate or would it not make a difference? (If more/less likely, Ask: Is that much/somewhat?)

Much more likely	13	15	11
Somewhat more likely	8	9	7
Somewhat less likely	18	19	17
Much less likely	25	22	28
No difference	33	33	33
(don't know)	3	2	4

More likely.....	21	23	18
Less likely	43	41	45

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5. [Split Sampled] Now let me read you some different statements and tell me how believable you find each statement -- very believable, somewhat believable, a little believable, or not believable at all?

Sorted by Very Believable

d. Walking and biking paths are very affordable to build, and nationally they provide billions of dollars in fuel and health care savings every year	33	30	37
b. Walking is the second most common way to get around in America	24	23	25
c. Half of all trips made by Americans today are within 20 minutes or less by bicycle and a quarter are within 20 minutes by foot	23	24	22
a. In 4 communities that built walking and biking networks, over 85 million vehicle miles were averted over a 4 year span.....	17	17	18
a. _In 4 communities that built walking and biking networks, over 85 million vehicle miles were averted over a 4 year span			
Very believable	17	17	18
Somewhat believable	37	32	42
A little believable	17	17	16
Not believable at all	20	26	14
(don't know)	9	8	10
Believable	55	49	60
Not believable	36	43	30
b. _Walking is the second most common way to get around in America			
Very believable	24	23	25
Somewhat believable	34	31	37
A little believable	16	16	16
Not believable at all	24	28	20
(don't know)	2	2	2
Believable	58	54	62
Not believable	40	43	36

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c. _Half of all trips made by Americans today are within 20 minutes or less by bicycle and a quarter are within 20 minutes by foot

Very believable	23	24	22
Somewhat believable	37	34	39
A little believable	17	17	16
Not believable at all	19	21	17
(don't know)	5	3	6
Believable	60	59	61
Not believable	36	38	33

d. _Walking and biking paths are very affordable to build, and nationally they provide billions of dollars in fuel and health care savings every year.

Very believable	33	30	37
Somewhat believable	31	31	30
A little believable	15	13	16
Not believable at all	17	22	13
(don't know)	4	4	5
Believable	64	61	67
Not believable	31	35	28

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6. [Split Sampled] Now let me read you some different statements and tell me if that statement makes you more or less likely to support federal funding for walking and biking paths. (If more/less likely, Ask: Is that much/somewhat more or less likely?)

Sorted by Much More Likely

d. Walking and biking paths are very affordable to build, and nationally they provide billions of dollars in fuel and health care savings every year	43	39	47
a. In 4 communities that built walking and biking networks, over 85 million vehicle miles were averted over a 4 year span.....	33	34	33
c. Half of all trips made by Americans today are within 20 minutes or less by bicycle and a quarter are within 20 minutes by foot	33	30	36
b. Walking is the second most common way to get around in America	31	26	36
a. _In 4 communities that built walking and biking networks, over 85 million vehicle miles were averted over a 4 year span			
Much more likely	33	34	33
Somewhat more likely.....	30	30	30
Somewhat less likely.....	13	13	13
Much less likely.....	10	12	8
(don't know)	14	12	16
More likely.....	63	64	62
Less likely	23	24	22
b. _Walking is the second most common way to get around in America			
Much more likely	31	26	36
Somewhat more likely.....	30	35	26
Somewhat less likely.....	17	18	16
Much less likely.....	12	13	11
(don't know)	9	7	11
More likely.....	62	62	62
Less likely	29	31	28

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Much more likely	33	30	36
Somewhat more likely	27	28	27
Somewhat less likely	14	14	14
Much less likely	14	17	12
(don't know)	11	11	12
 More likely	 60	 57	 63
Less likely	29	31	26

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Much more likely	43	39	47
Somewhat more likely	31	34	27
Somewhat less likely	11	11	10
Much less likely	9	11	7
(don't know)	6	4	8
 More likely	 74	 73	 75
Less likely	20	22	18

7. [Split Sampled] Now let me read you two statements and tell me which one comes closest to your view:

[ROTATE]

[Essential Infrastructure] Some people/other people say that walking and biking paths are essential infrastructure. Investing in paths and sidewalks provides safe places for our children, seniors and people with disabilities to get around. Other Americans want the practical choice to walk or bicycle provided by safe and convenient walking or biking routes that connect the places where we live, work, shop, learn, and play. Everyone deserves access to jobs and other opportunities regardless of whether they can drive. (74)

[Can't Afford] Some people/other people say that in these tough economic times, we can't afford to spend money on walking and biking paths. We must focus our tax dollars on our deteriorating infrastructure, like our aging bridges and our roads and highways. The federal government must focus their efforts on improving the nation's highways and bridges, not constructing paths. If communities want to expand their paths, then it should be a local issue, not a federal issue. (75)

Which statement comes closest to your own view?

Essential infrastructure	47	46	48
Can't afford	43	47	39
(both)	6	5	6
(neither)	3	2	4
(don't know)	2	1	3

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The remaining questions are for statistical purposes only.

8. Thinking about the walking and biking paths that exist in your community, would you say that you have too many, too few, or just the right amount?

Too many	3	3	3
Too few	44	41	47
Just the right amount	47	50	44
(don't know)	5	5	5

9. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent or something else? [IF REPUBLICAN/DEMOCRAT:] Do you consider yourself a strong or a not-so-strong (Republican/Democrat)? [IF INDEPENDENT:] Would you say you lean more towards the Republicans or more towards the Democrats?

Strong Democrat	28	22	34
Not-so-strong Democrat	5	4	6
Independent - lean Democrat	5	5	4
Democrat	38	32	44
Independent	21	22	20
Republican	32	37	27
Independent - lean Republican	6	7	4
Not-so-strong Republican	6	6	6
Strong Republican	21	24	17
(Other)	3	3	3
(Don't know)	2	2	2
(Refused)	4	4	4

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10. What is your age?

11. **[IF AGE IS REFUSED]:** I am going to read you some categories. Please stop me when we get to your category.

18-24 years	10	9	10
25-29 years	8	10	6
30-34 years	8	9	7
35-39 years	6	5	6
40-44 years	7	8	6
45-49 years	8	7	8
50-54 years	9	8	10
55-59 years	8	7	8
60-64 years	11	12	11
65-69 years	7	7	7
70-74 years	6	6	5
Over 74 years	8	7	9
(Refused)	4	4	5

12. What is the last year of schooling that you have completed?

1 - 11th Grade	2	2	3
High School Graduate	20	20	21
Non-College Post H.S.	2	3	1
Some College	26	27	25
College Graduate	32	32	33
Post-Graduate School	15	14	15
(Refused)	2	2	2

13. Do you have any children under the age of 18 living at home with you?

Yes	27	26	28
No	71	72	70
(Refused)	1	1	1

14. Just to make sure we have a representative sample, could you please tell me whether you are from a Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish-speaking background?

[IF "NO", ASK:] What is your race - white, black, Asian, or something else?

White	71	72	70
Black/African American	13	11	15
Spanish speaking/Latino	11	11	11
Asian	1	2	1
Native American	1	1	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	0
Arab American	0	0	0
(Other)	1	1	1
(Don't know / Refused)	2	2	2