

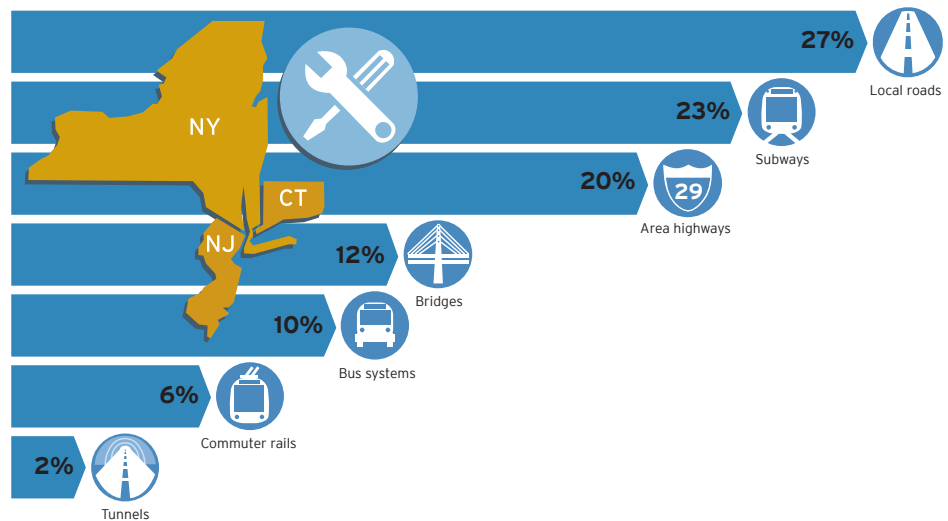
TRI-STATE RESIDENTS WANT THE FOCUS ON REPAIRING THE REGION'S TRANSPORTATION TROUBLES

A new survey shows most residents believe existing transportation network not meeting their needs, welcome new ideas such as priced managed lanes, and want to make the system more efficient, reliable and safer.

TRANSPORTATION CONCERNS

Residents of the NYC metropolitan tri-state area share a high level of concern about the current state of this region's transportation infrastructure. The region is critically dependent on transportation for the movement of goods and services that support the economy and people who live here. In fact, an overwhelming 98 percent of tri-state area residents think the current state of the region's transportation network is in need of urgent repairs.

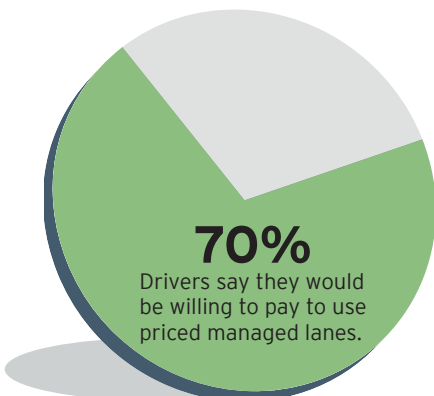
Among the transportation network components they cite as most in need of urgent repairs are:



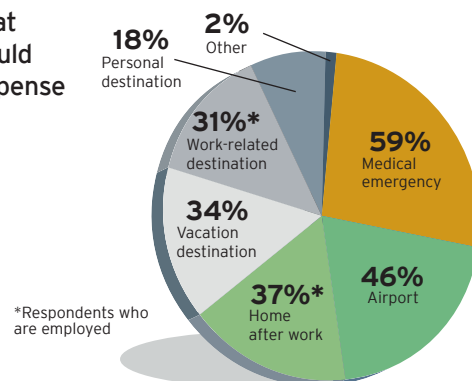
WORSENING CONGESTION—A WAY OUT?

Congestion is seen by many tri-state area residents as a fact of life. No matter what means of transportation you use, public or private, roads or rails, transiting bridges and tunnels, getting where you want to be when you want to be there is a challenge. Congestion is expected to increase over the next five years by 65 percent of the region's residents. For residents who are employed and commute to work, they report their current average commuting time is 48 minutes each way, or 8 hours per week.

When introduced to the idea of priced managed lanes, 64 percent of residents think these would help reduce congestion.



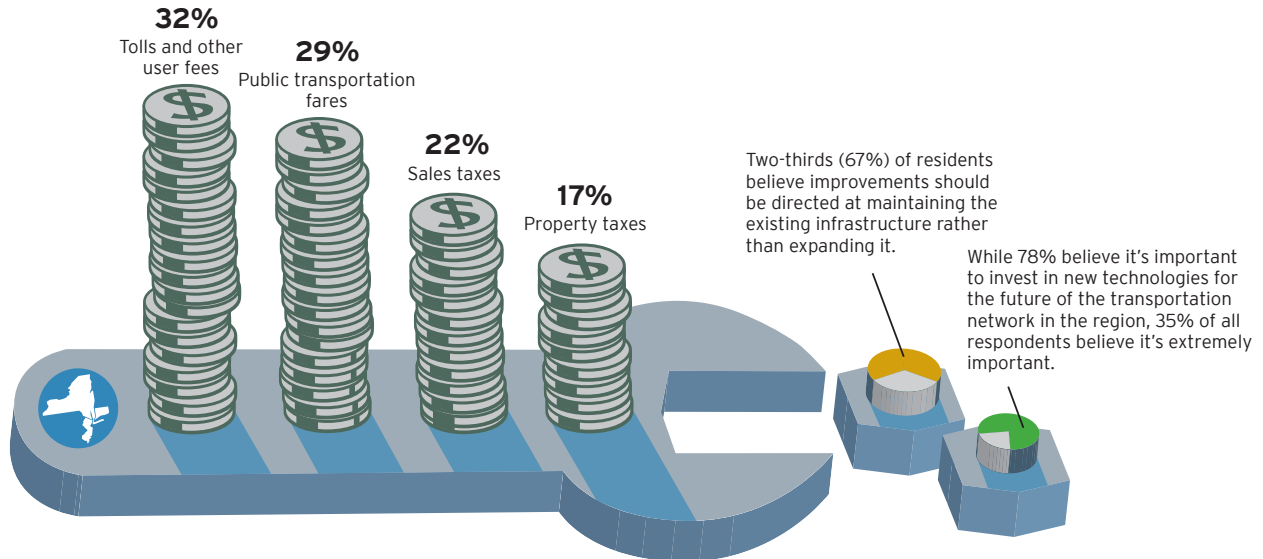
When asked what destinations would be worth the expense of using priced managed lanes, these potential users cited:



WORTH THE MONEY

While agreement and recognition of the need for investment is clear, the source of funds needed for investment is hazy. There continues to be much discussion not only on the sources of funding, but also how it should be generated, and from whom. Combined with the complexity of a region comprised of three separate state governments, the challenges are significant.

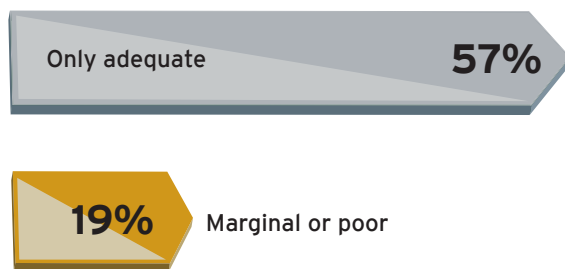
Tri-state residents not only want improvements in the transportation network, they recognize and support the fact that investments must be made to achieve those improvements.



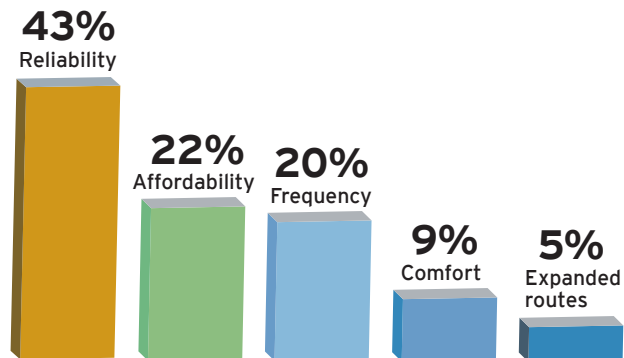
IS ADEQUATE GOOD ENOUGH?

On many levels, the New York City metropolitan region is unique, but the ability to determine how and when you move around the region is a powerful force in this region's attractiveness, and its viability.

Nearly 3 in 5 (57percent) area residents think the transportation network is, at best, only adequate. Close to one in five (19 percent) rate it as marginal or poor.



Tri-state residents feel dependability of the transportation network is vital. In fact, 85 percent of residents don't believe the region's transportation network is completely reliable. The most important qualities residents want in the transportation network are:



HNTB Corporation's latest survey, America THINKS: Views on the Metro NYC Regional Transportation Network, asked 1,001 residents from the New York City tri-state area ages 18 and over for their opinions of the region's transportation network. This regional study (conducted by Kelton, margin of error +/- 3.1 percent) is part of HNTB's America THINKS survey series, an on-going national study of critical transportation infrastructure issues.

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