

AMERICANS SAY ROAD USAGE FEES BEST WAY TO PAY FOR TRANSPORATION INFRASTRUCTURE

There is growing recognition that new revenue generating alternatives such as road usage fees including vehicle miles traveled, mileage-based user fees and priced managed lanes are needed to help pay the costs of maintaining and building our transportation infrastructure. This demonstrates Americans understand a fundamental shift in funding infrastructure is taking place. Yet the use of traditional approaches such as federal gasoline taxes, property and sales taxes remain.

PAYING FOR INFRASTRUCTURE

Nearly 160 million Americans (65 percent) would be likely to support a vehicle miles traveled system or mileage-based user fee to help fund transportation needs, a significant increase from 2014 when 50 percent of the nation would be supportive of this. And, almost 170 million (69 percent) Americans agree that priced managed lanes should also be considered for this purpose.



TAXES VERSUS FEES

Overall, more than half (55 percent) of Americans would rather pay higher taxes to maintain and build local roads, bridge and tunnels over the next ten years.

How would you prefer to pay to maintain and build local roads, bridges, and tunnels over the next 10 years?



Millennials (68%) are more likely than gen-Xers (58%), baby boomers (43%) or seniors (51%) to prefer to pay increased taxes than user fees that are in place of gas tax to maintain and build these transportation infrastructures. And more millennials (25%) and gen-Xers (21%) than baby boomers (14%) would opt to pay for this with higher sales taxes.



DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVES

Generational differences between millennials and generation X-ers versus baby boomers and seniors are beginning to emerge in how best to fund infrastructure costs over the next ten years.



OBTAINABLE CONNECTED TECHNOLOGY IS A MUST FOR CAR CONSUMERS

Two-thirds (67 percent) of Americans who plan to buy or lease a vehicle feel the availability and affordability of connected vehicle technologies are important. Among millennials and generation X-ers, 73 percent agree this technology is important versus 58 percent of older Americans.



HNTB's America THINKS Transportation Mobility 2016 survey was conducted by Kelton Global among 1,002 nationally representative Americans ages 18 and over between March 14 and March 22, 2016. The margin of error is +/- 3.1 percent. For more information, visit www.hntb.com or contact David Fridling (917) 438-0900, dfridling@hntb.com

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