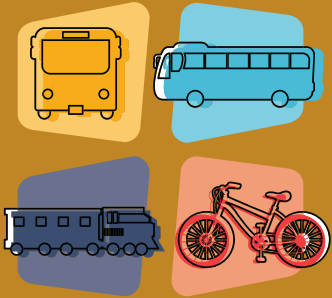


Lakes Region Master Plan Transportation Survey

Results

Overall Themes



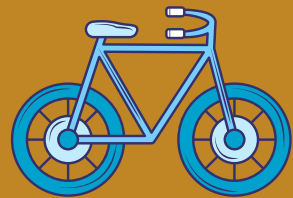
Residents want better Transportation options:

- Regional Transit
- Rail Connections
- Specialized transportation services
- Expanded mobility beyond personal vehicles



Maintenance and Safety matter most:

- Road quality
- Safer intersections
- Safer pedestrian and bicylce infrastructure
- Preservation of existing assets



Walking and Biking infrastructure has broad support:

Multi -use trails and bike lanes were among the most popular infrastructure investments



Environmental concerns are closely tied to Transportation:

Water quality, stromwater management, and emissions concerns strongly influenced transportation preferences



Residents are open to funding solutions:

Most respondents appear willing to support new transportation funding if projects imprpove safety, maintenance and regional mobility

Important Information Regarding Survey Results

The sample is not evenly distributed across the region.

Total Responses: 190



Franklin and Meredith lead the response pool, meaning the survey findings may reflect transportation attitudes from those communities more strongly than others.

Franklin	- 41 Responses	Plymouth	- 9 Responses
Meredith	- 31 Responses	Moultonborough	- 9 Responses
Bristol	- 16 Responses	Sanbornton	- 8 Responses
Center Harbor	- 10 Responses	Gilford	- 8 Responses
New Hampton	- 9 Responses	Hebron	- 7 Responses

12 communities had 5 or less responses to the survey:

Alexandria, Alton, Ashland, Barnstead, Freedom, Laconia, Northfield, Ossipee, Tamworth, Tilton, Tuftonboro, and Wolfeboro

10 communities had zero responses to the survey:

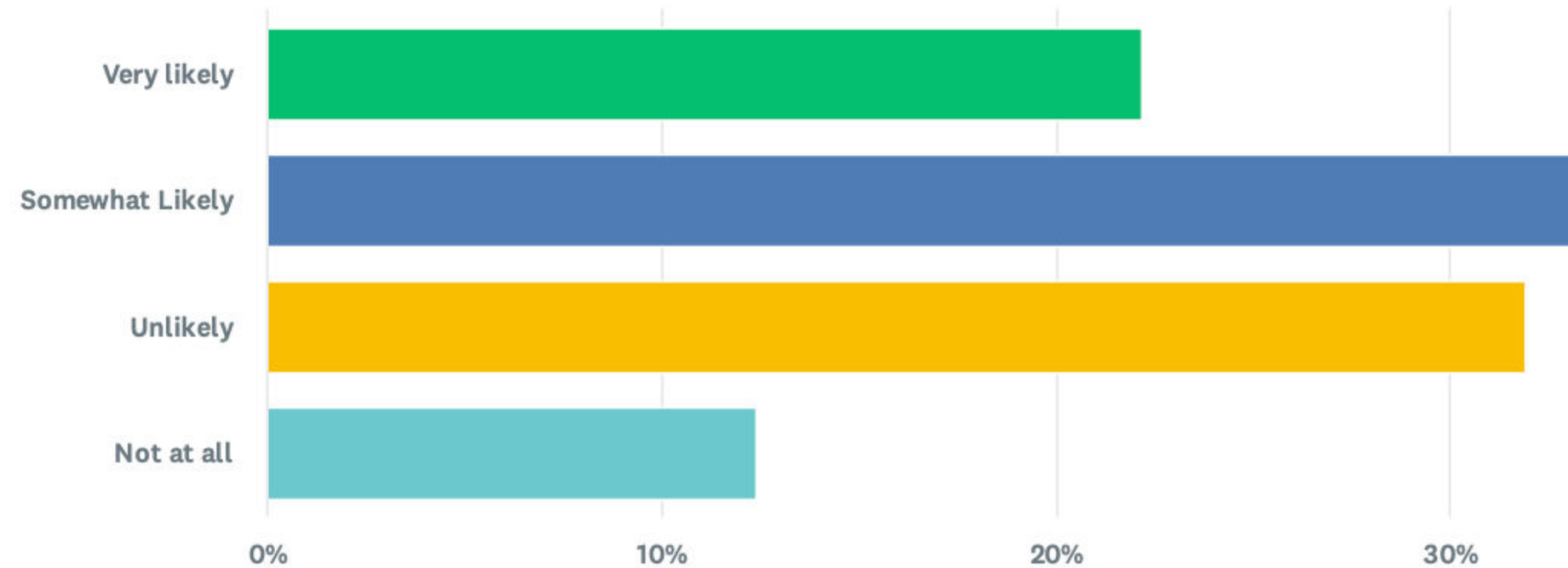
Andover, Belmont, Bridgewater, Danbury, Effingham, Gilfanton, Hill, Holderness, and Sandwich

Public Transit



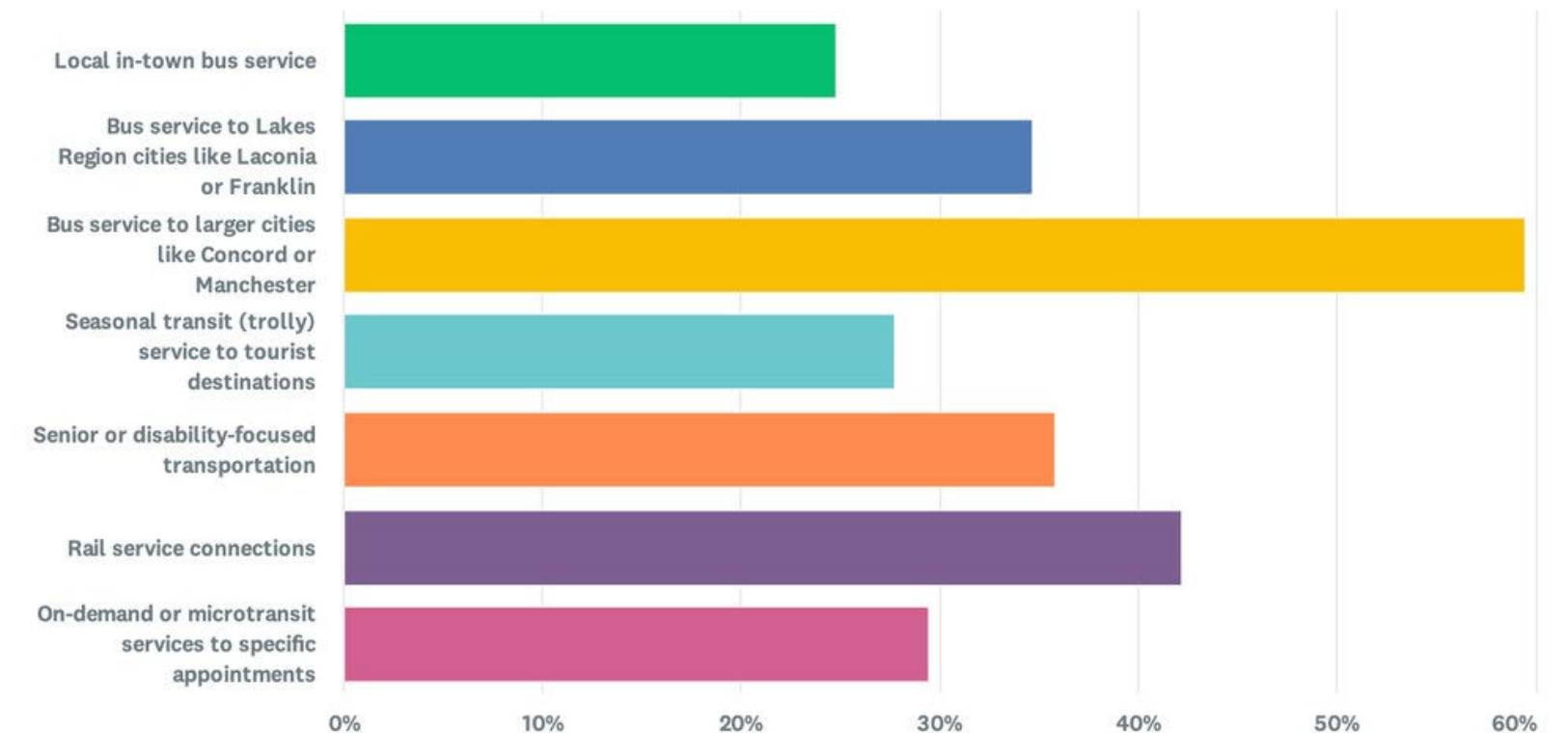
185 responses

If public transportation were available, how likely would you be to use it?



173 responses

Which types of transit services would be most useful to you? (Select all that apply).

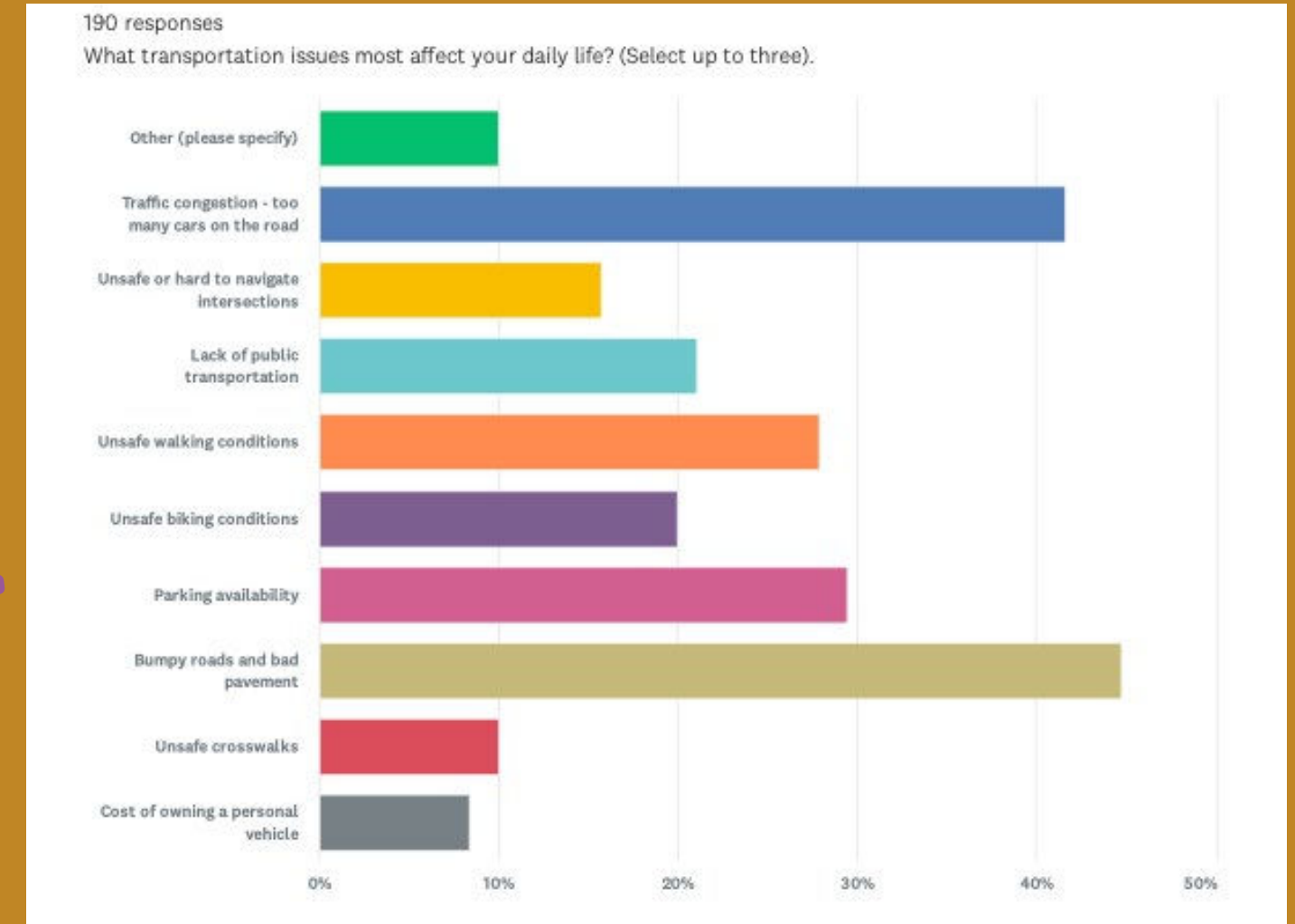
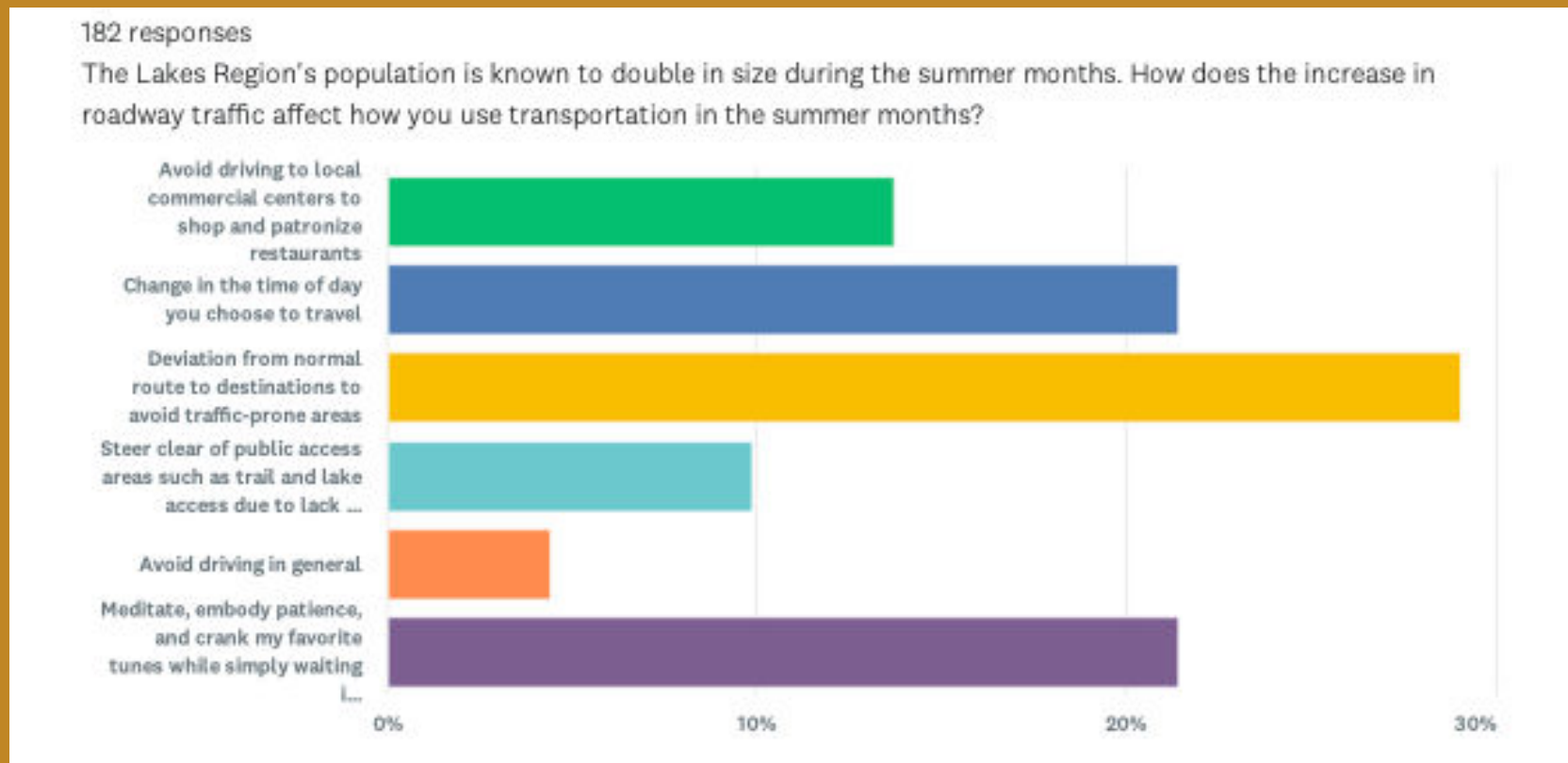


Demand for traditional local bus service exists, but stronger support appears focused on regional and specialized mobility services.

Residents appear most interested in:

- Better regional connectivity
- Transportation options beyond the immediate Lakes Region (connectivity to Concord or Manchester)
- Services for seniors and residents with mobility limitations
- Flexible or appointment -based transit options
- Rail service connections

Road Conditions and Congestion



Notably, walking and biking safety concerns ranked relatively high, suggesting growing interest in non-vehicle transportation improvements

Residents are most frustrated with:

- Aging road infrastructure
- Seasonal congestion
- Parking Pressure
- Lack of safe multimodal transportation infrastructure

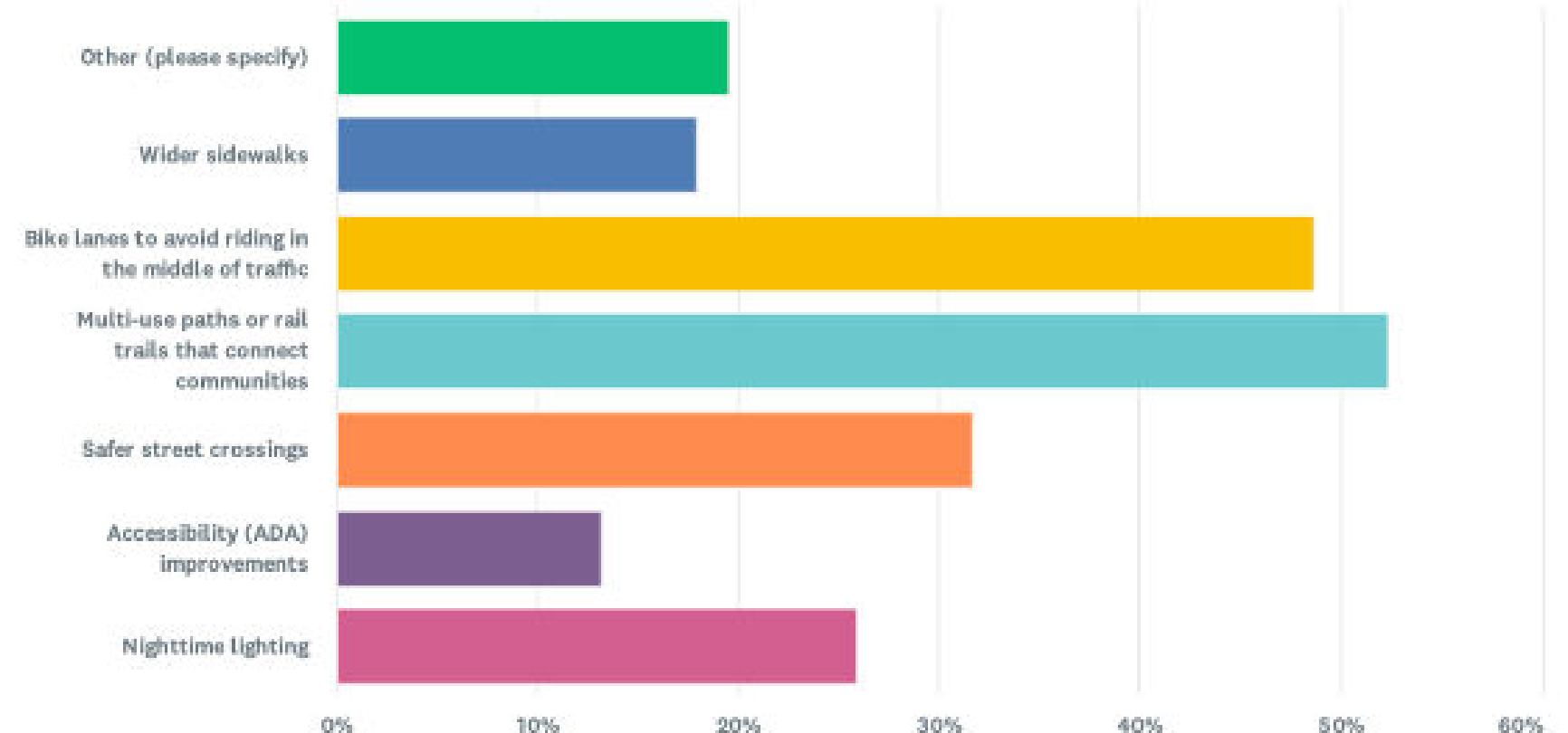
Bike and Trail Infrastructure



Many comments referenced the lack of sidewalks and bike lanes. This suggests residents increasingly view transportation as more than just automobile travel.

189 responses

What pedestrian or bicycle improvements are most needed to make you feel safer? (Select up to three).



Substantial support for:

- Regional trail connectivity
- Safer bicycle infrastructure
- Pedestrian safety improvements

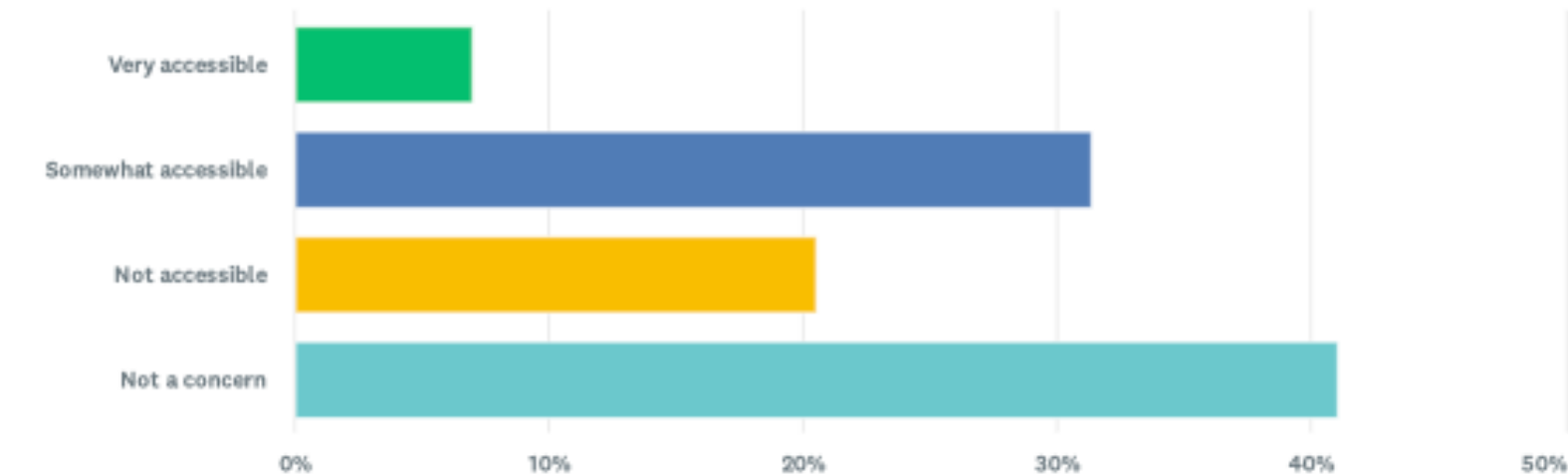
Environmental Impacts



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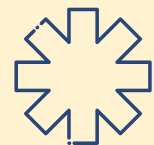
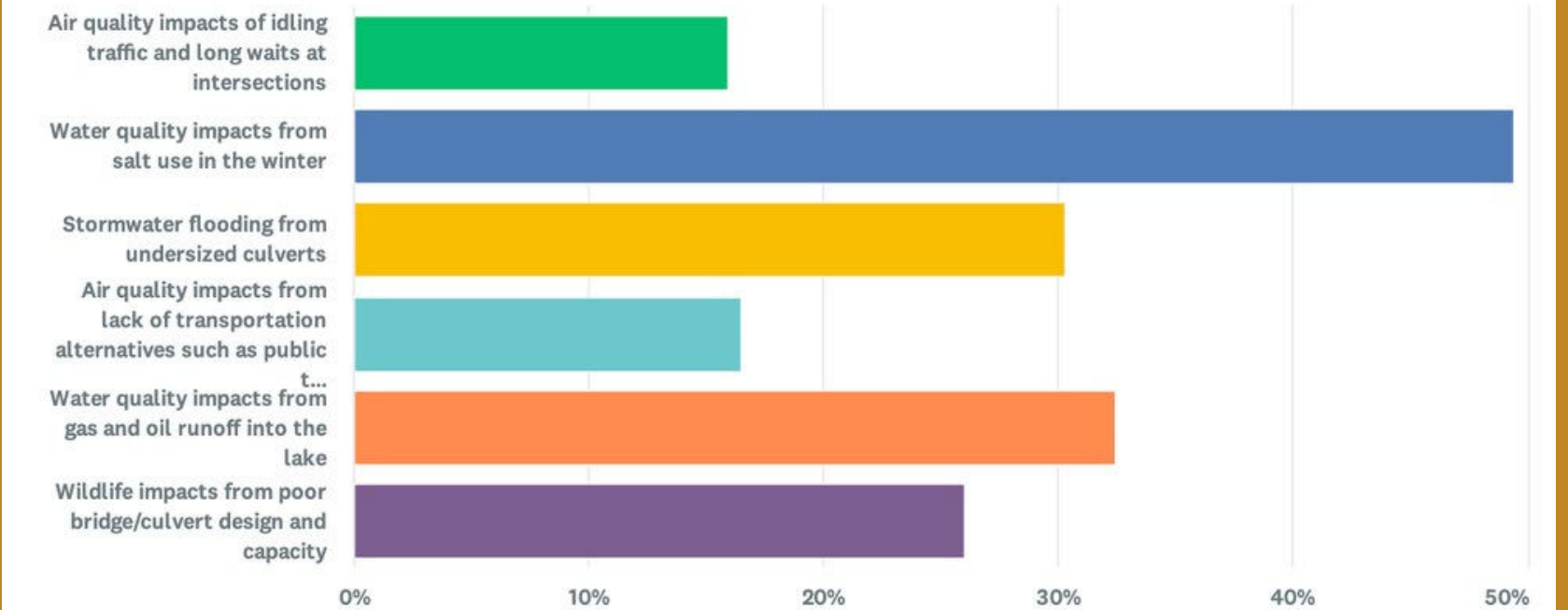
185 responses

In your view, how available are EV Chargers in the region for public use?



188 responses

There are several documented natural resource impacts of roadway systems and their use. Which of these issues do you feel needs more attention in the Lakes Region? (Select up to two).



**Environmental stewardship
appears strongly connected to
transportation planning
priorities in the Lakes region**

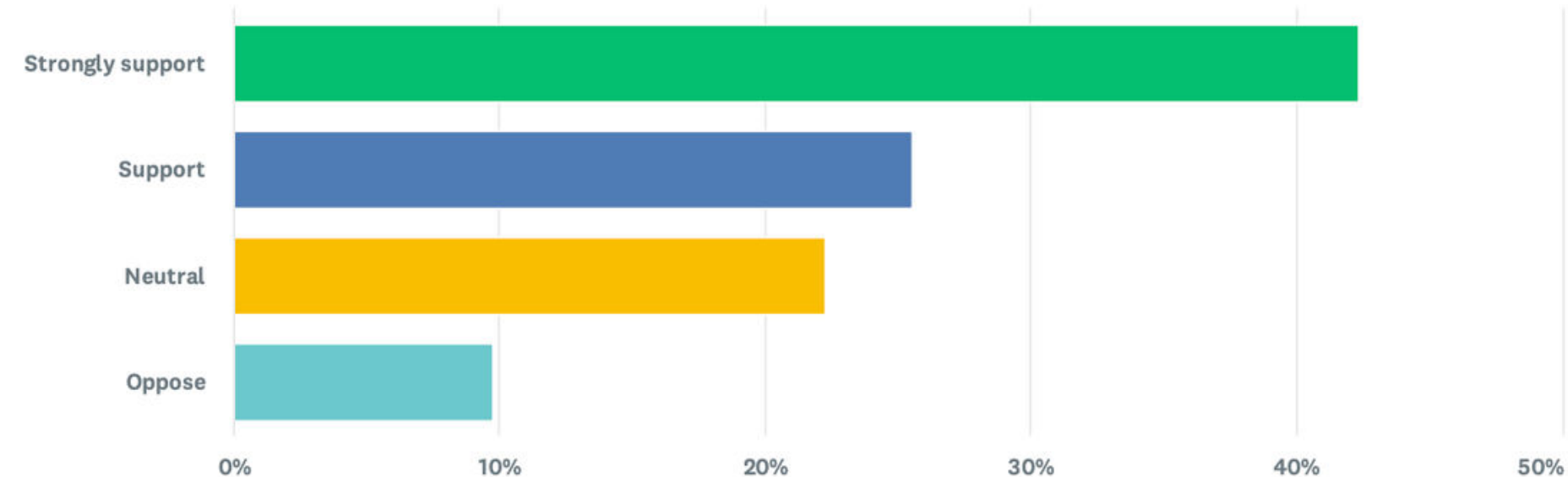
Residents appear particularly sensitive to:

- Lake water quality
- Stormwater impacts
- Congestion -related emissions

Infrastructure Maintenance

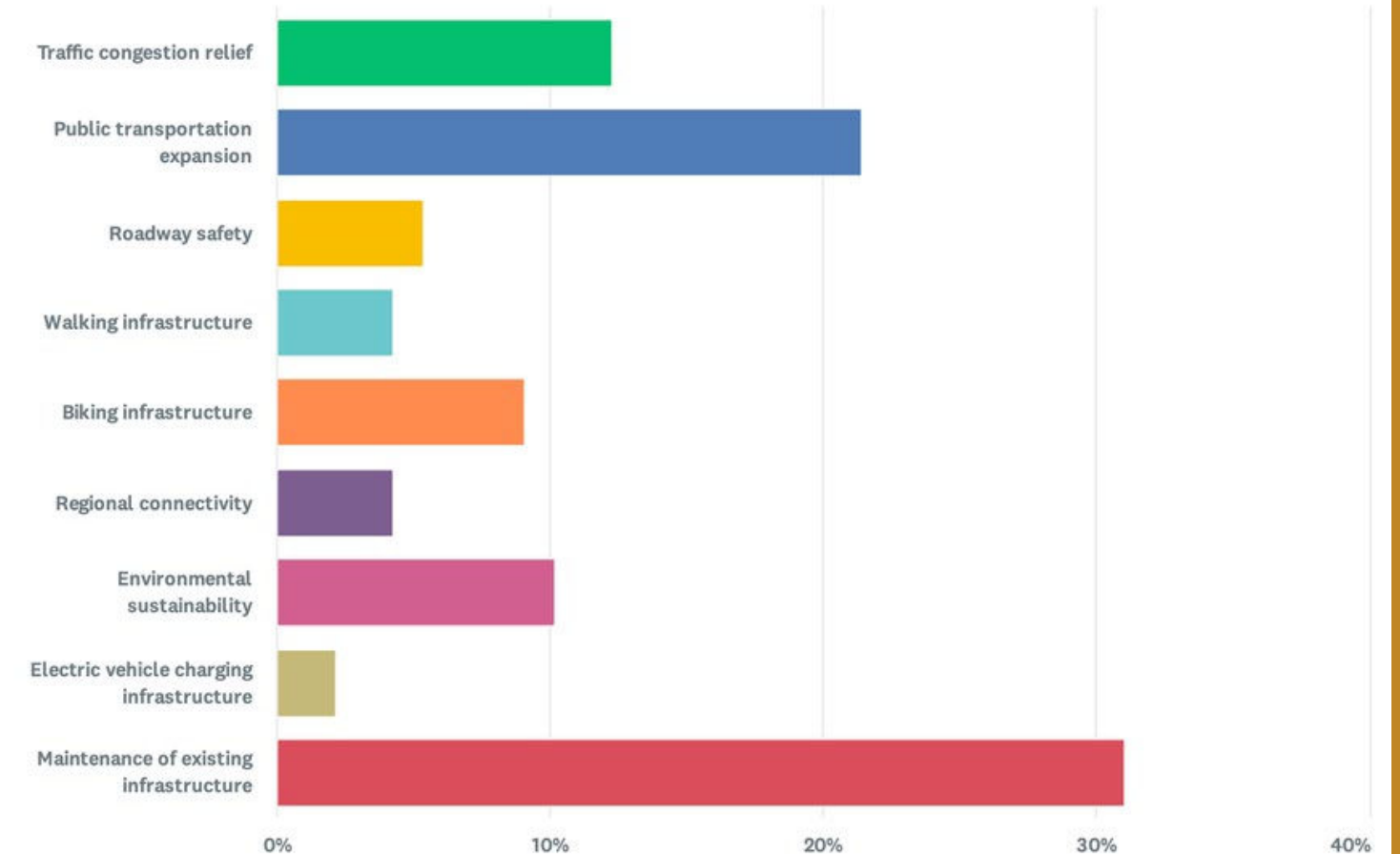
184 responses

Would you support the expansion or introduction of multi-use path networks in your community as a means to be less vehicle dependent?



187 responses

What should be the top transportation priority for the region over the next 10-20 years?



There appears to be less emphasis on entirely new roadway expansion projects

Residents generally favor:

- Fixing and Maintaining existing transportation system first
- Improving safety
- Expanding transportation alternatives

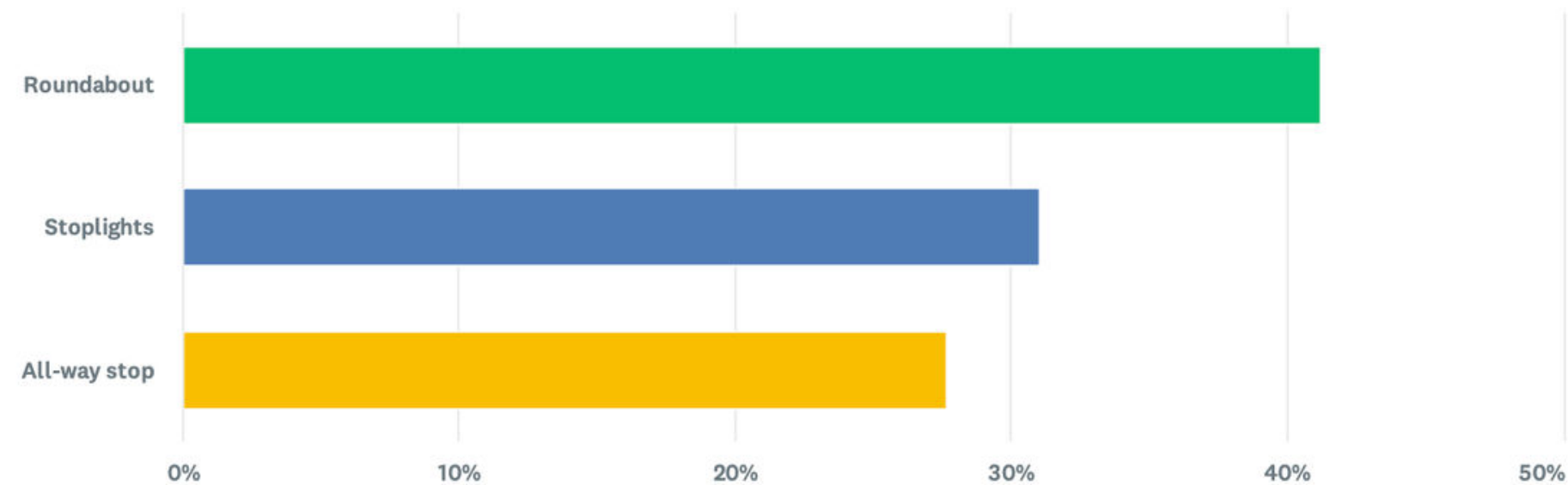


Transportation Safety Measures



177 responses

If your community had the funding to improve an intersection to make it safer, which design option would you choose?

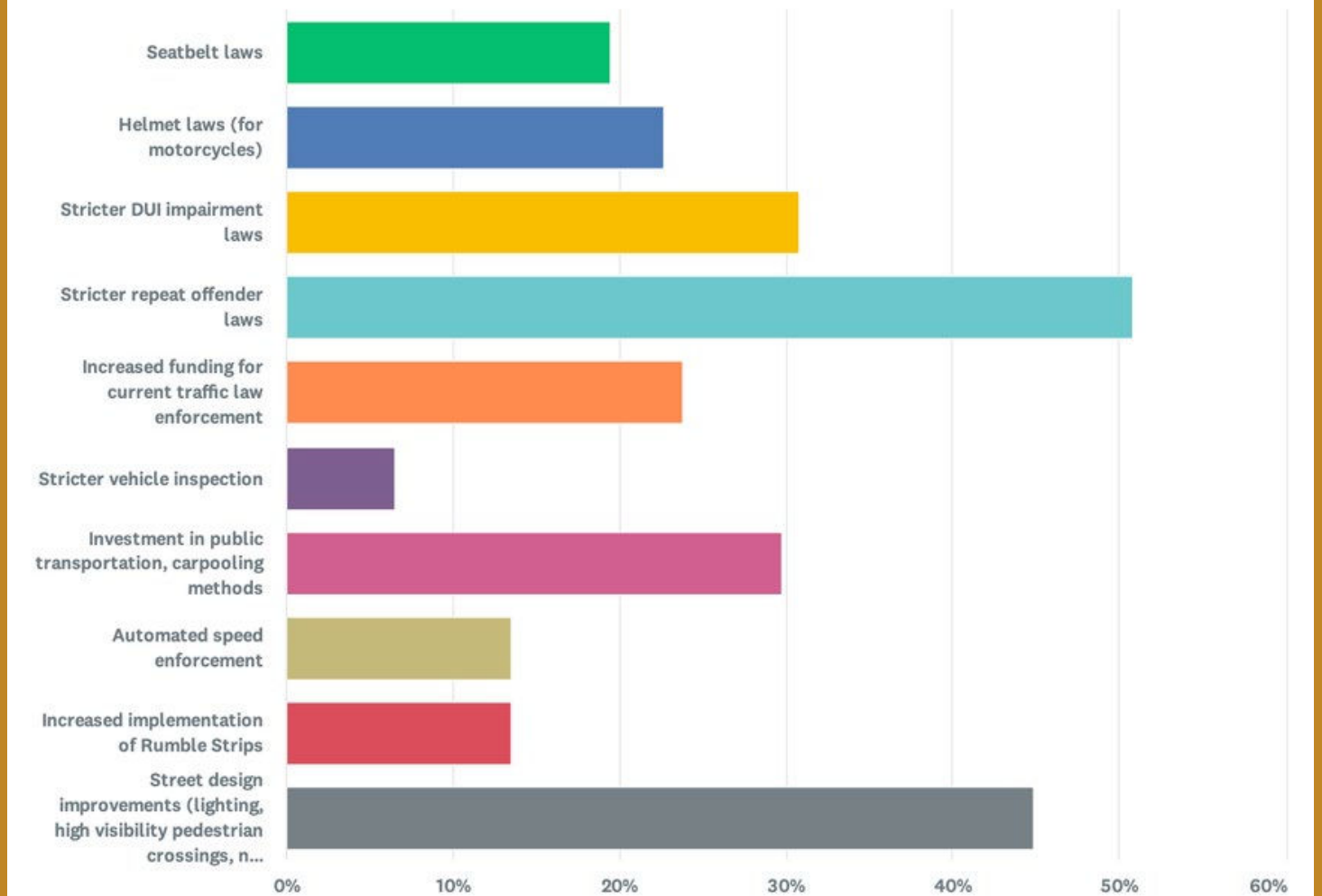


Results suggest a broad interest in reducing crashes through roadway design.

Roundabouts appeared especially popular among respondents who selected a specific design preference

185 responses

In 2025, there were 137 traffic fatalities in NH, which is the 5th deadliest year and an increase from 2024. Would you be in support of any of the following to help make NH Roads safer? (Select up to three).



Residents appear supportive of both:

- Enforcement -based safety measures
- Infrastructure -based safety improvements

Funding

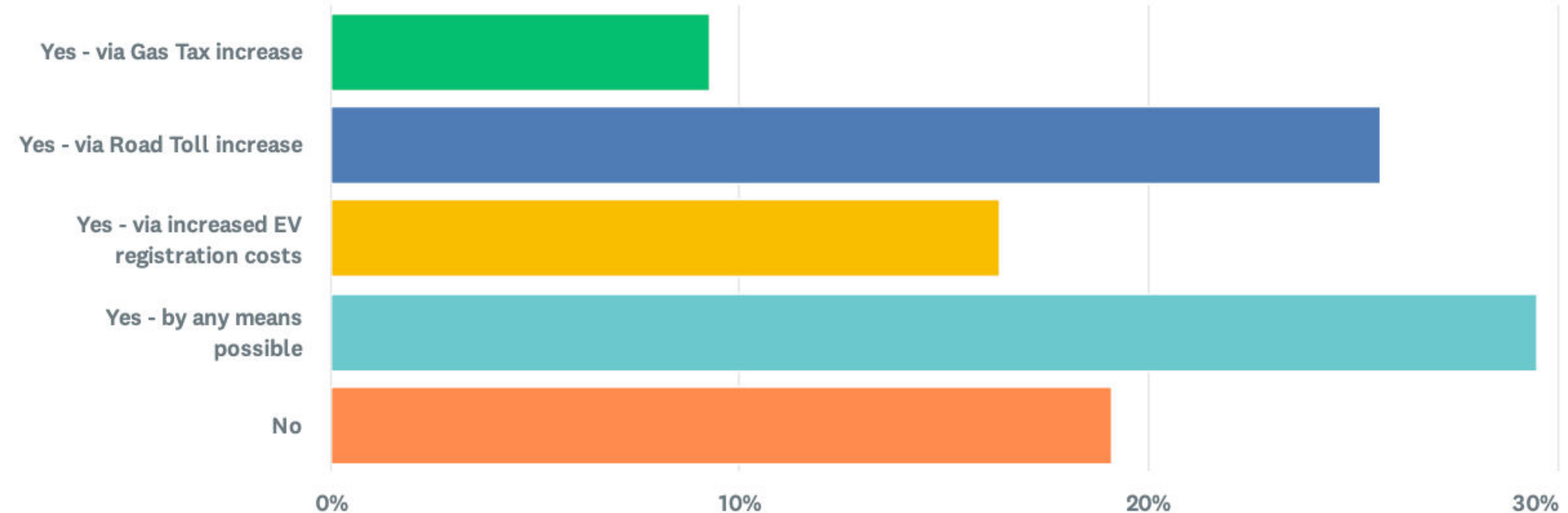


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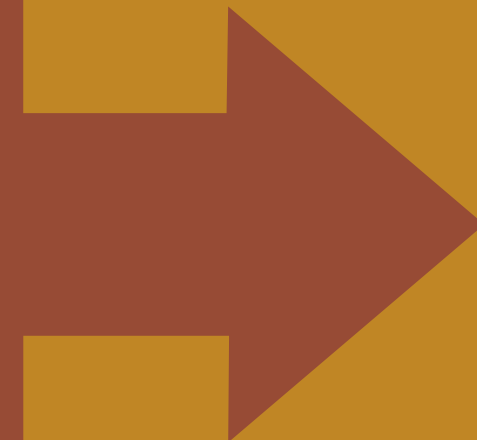


NHDOT's Ten-Year Plan recently faced a \$400M budget overage for transportation improvement projects which resulted in the removal of projects, would you be in support of statewide revenue enhancement to help fund transportation improvement projects?



Many respondents appear willing to support additional transportation funding if it directly improves infrastructure and safety

However, responses may differ on how funding responsibilities should be distributed between gas vehicles and electric vehicles



Results indicate funding solutions need more focus:

- Support for increased EV registration fees was more mixed
- A minority opposed any new transportation funding.

Potential Priority Areas

Near -Term Priorities:

- Pavement rehabilitation * LRPC's RSMS Assessments
- Congestion management * Upcoming CMAQ Funding Opportunity
- Intersection safety improvements * Road Safety Audits
- Parking management
- Safer crossings and sidewalks * TAP & CMAQ Funding, Planning Board coordination with new developments

Medium -Term Priorities:

- Regional transit pilots * 5305e Funding
- Expanded senior transportation services * 5310 & 5311 funding w/ RCCs
- Seasonal tourism transit
- Microtransit/on -demand services * 5305e Funding

Long -Term Priorities:

- Regional trail connectivity * LRPC Bike/Ped Subcommittee, TAP, CMAQ, RTP
- Rail connectivity exploration
- Climate resilience and stormwater upgrades * LRPC CCDS Assessment Program, LID Ordinances
- Expanded multimodal transportation networks