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## **BLM Poll & Policy Principles Outline Path Forward on MI Road Funding**

*Statewide Survey Shows Voters Ready to Fund Road Fixes*

**DETROIT, Mich.** — Business Leaders for Michigan (BLM) today issued a set of principles and the results of a recent statewide public opinion poll that outline how Michigan’s roads and bridges should be fixed in light of the defeat of Proposal 1.

The public opinion polling results show Michigan voters want the roads fixed—and they are willing to pay for the work— but policymakers need to shape a less complex proposal. More than half of survey respondents who voted no on Proposal 1 said they believed the initiative gave tax money away to too many other things. The survey also revealed that nearly 80 percent of voters believe the state’s roads are worse than other states.

“Michigan voters know the roads are bad, and they are willing to fund the right solution for fixing them,” said BLM President & CEO Doug Rothwell. “The message this survey sends to our state leaders is twofold—deal with this issue quickly, and don’t tie too many extra bells and whistles onto a funding package that should simply be about getting our roads and bridges in better shape.”

The BLM poll showed:

- More than 87 percent of state voters want the road problem dealt with in the next year.
- More than 58 percent of state residents support a one-percent sales tax increase, with all additional money dedicated to the state’s roads. (This would require a ballot proposal)
- Alternatively, 53 percent of state voters would support converting the flat gas tax to a wholesale gas tax. (This would not require a ballot proposal)
- Voters are open to cuts as a way to find additional money for roads with the largest percentage of voters favoring cuts to the Corrections budget.

BLM also issued principles that the organization believes are essential as the Governor and legislature work to enact a long-term solution to fixing Michigan's roads and bridges: The solution should meet the following criteria:

- It should provide funding sufficient to ensure good quality road and bridge conditions
- It should require road and bridge builder warranties
- The funding source should be both sustainable and dedicated
- The revenue should come from the users of our roads and bridges
- The solution should not adversely impact other critical priorities that help create jobs, such as job training, higher education and economic development

"We believe that our principles for a long-term solution align with the polling results and provide guidance as to what an effective solution would look like to have the public's support," Rothwell said. "BLM believes such a proposal will require significant new revenue but it could include some budget cuts as long as they don't negatively impact other critical priorities."

The 600-sample telephone survey was conducted in mid-May by the Glengariff Group, Inc. with a margin of error of +/-4.0% with a 95% level of confidence.

For the full survey and crosstabs they can be found here at [www.businessleadersformichigan.com](http://www.businessleadersformichigan.com)

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**SURVEY - MAY 2015**  
**Field Dates: May 11-14, 2015**  
**Sample Size: 600 (Likely Michigan 2016 General Election voters)**  
**Margin of Error: +/-4.0% with a 95% level of confidence**  
**Conducted by the Glengriff Group, Inc.**

## MAY 2015 MICHIGAN STATEWIDE SURVEY

Hello, my name is \_\_\_\_\_. I'm not selling anything. I'm doing a quick survey of opinions in our area. It should take approximately five minutes.

A. For purposes of balance, could I speak with the youngest female over the age of 18 in the household?  
 [IF NOT FEMALE, ASK: COULD I SPEAK WITH THE YOUNGEST MALE IN THE HOUSEHOLD?]

B. Are you registered to vote at the address I am calling?

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|----|------------------|--------|-------|
| 1. | Yes.....CONTINUE | 100.0% | (600) |
| 2. | NO....TERMINATE  |        |       |

1. Thinking about the upcoming Presidential election in November 2016, would you say you are definitely voting, probably voting, probably not voting, or would you say you are definitely not voting?

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|----|------------------------------------|-------|-------|
| 1. | Definitely voting....CONTINUE      | 89.8% | (539) |
| 2. | Probably voting....CONTINUE        | 10.2% | (61)  |
| 3. | Probably not voting....TERMINATE   |       |       |
| 4. | Definitely not voting....TERMINATE |       |       |
| 5. | Don't Know/ Refused....TERMINATE   |       |       |

2. And what county do you currently live in? IF WAYNE, ASK: WOULD THAT BE IN THE CITY OF DETROIT OR OUTSIDE OF THE CITY OF DETROIT?

- |     |                          |       |      |
|-----|--------------------------|-------|------|
| 1.  | UP/ N Michigan           | 13.0% | (78) |
| 2.  | West                     | 11.3% | (68) |
| 3.  | Southwest Michigan       | 8.3%  | (50) |
| 4.  | Mid Michigan             | 8.7%  | (52) |
| 5.  | East Central Michigan    | 7.7%  | (46) |
| 6.  | Oakland                  | 13.3% | (80) |
| 7.  | Macomb                   | 8.3%  | (50) |
| 8.  | Wayne                    | 11.7% | (70) |
| 9.  | City of Detroit          | 6.5%  | (39) |
| 10. | Remainder of Detroit MSA | 11.2% | (67) |

3. I am going to read you some reasons people may have voted no on Proposal 1. Tell me which would be the main reason YOU voted against Proposal 1? [ROTATE OPTIONS 1-7]

1.	The roads are fine and they don't need any more money.	1.8%	(5)
2.	Michigan should be able to fix the roads with what we already spend.	12.8%	(36)
3.	Proposal 1 was too complicated and too confusing.	7.1%	(20)
4.	We should cut money from other programs to fix the roads, rather than raise taxes.	3.2%	(9)
5.	They don't tell us the truth about these proposals. I don't trust Lansing.	14.2%	(40)
6.	I oppose any tax increase to fix the roads.	7.1%	(20)
7.	Proposal 1 wasn't just about fixing the roads, it gave tax money away to too many other things. If this had just been a tax increase to fix the roads I would have supported it.	51.8%	(146)
8.	Or would you say there was another reason?	1.1%	(3)
9.	Don't Know/ Refused...DO NOT OFFER	1.1%	(3)

4. Would you say Michigan's roads are better, worse or about the same as the roads in other states you have travelled?

1.	Better	1.3%	(8)
2.	Worse	79.0%	(474)
3.	About the Same	13.7%	(82)
4.	Don't Know/ Refused...DO NOT OFFER	6.0%	(36)

5. I am going to read you some facts about Michigan's current budget. Michigan currently has a 52 billion dollar budget. \$22 billion of that is from the federal government and must be used for specific purposes outlined by the federal government. Another \$20 billion must be used for specific purposes laid out by the state constitution or state law – for example, for schools, public safety, agriculture and the environment. \$2 billion of that money must be used for transportation and roads. That leaves about \$10 billion, or 20% of the total state budget, in discretionary spending that the Legislature can move around for other purposes. Of that \$10 billion, the largest shares of it include 3 billion for health programs, 2 billion for the state prisons and \$1.4 billion for our public universities.

If Michigan were to find an additional \$1.2 billion for roads on an ongoing basis without raising taxes, where would you cut the \$1.2 billion from? [READ 1-6]

1.	K-12 Schools	3.2%	(19)
2.	Healthcare	4.0%	(24)
3.	State Prisons	26.8%	(161)
4.	Michigan public universities	17.2%	(103)
5.	I would support an increase in taxes to pay for roads.	26.3%	(158)
6.	Don't Know/ Refused	22.5%	(135)

Today when you fill up your tank with gas, you pay a flat 19 cent per gallon Michigan gas tax that goes to fix the roads. So, even though the price of a gallon of gas has increased over the years, Michigan continues to collect just 19 cents per gallon. That means that as cars have become more fuel-efficient and people buy less gas, the amount of money available to fix Michigan's roads continue to decline. You also pay the six percent sales tax at the pump on your gas purchase. That money goes to fund schools and local government. So, everything you pay at the pump does not go for the roads. I am going to read you eight different ideas for paying for the repair of Michigan's roads. For each, please tell me if you approve or disapprove of that idea. I want to ask you to listen carefully, because each proposal is slightly different. And keep in mind any that you particularly like, because I'm going to ask you which one you would support the most. [ROTATE QUESTIONS 6-13]

6. One proposal would convert Michigan's flat gas tax to a wholesale tax and adjust the rate for inflation raising \$1.2 billion over four years. This would result in about a ten cent per gallon increase at the pump that would all go to transportation. Because the sales tax would continue on your gas purchase, money for schools and local governments would be unchanged. This proposal would not require any change to the constitution. Would you support or oppose this proposal? **ASK: WOULD THAT BE STRONGLY SUPPORT/OPPOSE OR JUST SOMEWHAT SUPPORT/OPPOSE?**

1.	Strongly support	17.0%	(102)
2.	Somewhat support	36.0%	(216)
3.	Somewhat oppose	10.8%	(65)
4.	Strongly oppose	29.7%	(178)
5.	Don't Know/ Not Sure....DO NOT OFFER	6.2%	(37)
6.	Refused...DO NOT OFFER	0.3%	(2)

7. One proposal would raise \$1.2 billion over six years by replacing Michigan's flat gas tax with a wholesale tax and indexing it to inflation. This proposal would eliminate the 6% sales tax you pay on your gas purchases by 1% each year over six years. That means drivers would pay about ten cents more per gallon. But it would also mean that schools and local governments would no longer receive revenue from the collection of the sales tax at the pump which last year amounted to \$800 million. Those dollars could be replaced if state revenues grow, but there is no guarantee that the State Legislature would choose to replace the lost money to schools and local governments. This proposal would not require any change in the constitution. Would you support or oppose this proposal? **ASK: WOULD THAT BE STRONGLY SUPPORT/OPPOSE OR JUST SOMEWHAT SUPPORT/OPPOSE?**

1.	Strongly support	5.0%	(30)
2.	Somewhat support	12.5%	(75)
3.	Somewhat oppose	18.0%	(108)
4.	Strongly oppose	59.0%	(354)
5.	Don't Know/ Not Sure....DO NOT OFFER	5.3%	(32)
6.	Refused...DO NOT OFFER	0.2%	(1)

8. One proposal would raise \$1.2 billion to fix the roads by increasing the 19 cents per gallon gas tax to 33 cents per gallon – a fourteen cent increase at the pump. It would increase registration fees by 60% for cars and 25% for trucks and trailers. After the first two years, the flat gas tax would convert to a per gallon rate on the wholesale price of fuel allowing gas tax revenues to grow as fuel prices grow. This proposal would not require any change in the constitution. Would you support or oppose this proposal? ASK: WOULD THAT BE STRONGLY SUPPORT/OPPOSE OR JUST SOMEWHAT SUPPORT/OPPOSE?

1.	Strongly support	4.2%	(25)
2.	Somewhat support	15.3%	(92)
3.	Somewhat oppose	13.7%	(82)
4.	Strongly oppose	60.3%	(362)
5.	Don't Know/ Not Sure....DO NOT OFFER	6.5%	(39)
6.	Refused...DO NOT OFFER	0.0%	(0)

9. One proposal would raise \$1.2 billion to fix the roads by simply raising the sales tax by one cent from 6% to 7% and dedicate the new money just to fix the roads. This would increase the price at the pump by just 3 cents. Because it increases the sales tax and changes the Constitution, it would require voter approval. Would you support or oppose this proposal? ASK: WOULD THAT BE STRONGLY SUPPORT/OPPOSE OR JUST SOMEWHAT SUPPORT/OPPOSE?

1.	Strongly support	32.0%	(192)
2.	Somewhat support	26.2%	(157)
3.	Somewhat oppose	8.7%	(52)
4.	Strongly oppose	29.2%	(175)
5.	Don't Know/ Not Sure....DO NOT OFFER	3.8%	(23)
6.	Refused...DO NOT OFFER	0.2%	(1)

10. One proposal would cut \$500 million in existing state funding from areas such as higher education and job training and redirect it to the roads. This proposal would raise only half of the \$1.2 billion that most experts agree is what Michigan needs to bring Michigan's roads up to good condition. This proposal would not raise taxes or require a change to the Constitution, but it would result in sharp cuts to areas like higher education and job training. Would you support or oppose this proposal? ASK: WOULD THAT BE STRONGLY SUPPORT/OPPOSE OR JUST SOMEWHAT SUPPORT/OPPOSE?

1.	Strongly support	9.8%	(59)
2.	Somewhat support	17.5%	(105)
3.	Somewhat oppose	16.3%	(98)
4.	Strongly oppose	50.8%	(305)
5.	Don't Know/ Not Sure....DO NOT OFFER	5.2%	(31)
6.	Refused...DO NOT OFFER	0.3%	(2)

11. One proposal would create a broader reform of Michigan's taxes. It would convert the flat gas tax to a wholesale tax on purchases. It would remove the sales tax from fuel purchases but replace the revenues by extending the state sales tax to services like haircuts and tax preparation. But it would also cut the state income tax from 4.25 percent to 3.9 percent. It would raise 1.2 billion for roads and protect the current budgets of schools and local governments. But it would extend the sales tax to services. While individuals would get in income tax cut, it would be offset by an increase in the gas tax and a new sales tax on services. This change would not require a change to the Constitution. Would you support or oppose this proposal? ASK: WOULD THAT BE STRONGLY SUPPORT/OPPOSE OR JUST SOMEWHAT SUPPORT/OPPOSE?

1.	Strongly support	10.2%	(61)
2.	Somewhat support	30.7%	(184)
3.	Somewhat oppose	14.5%	(87)
4.	Strongly oppose	33.3%	(200)
5.	Don't Know/ Not Sure...DO NOT OFFER	11.2%	(67)
6.	Refused...DO NOT OFFER	0.2%	(1)

12. One proposal would change how businesses are taxed in Michigan. In 2011, Michigan revised the state's corporate business tax to a flat 6%. But that tax applies to corporations. Most small businesses do not fall under those tax changes. Michigan could raise an additional \$1.2 billion for roads if it extended the 6% corporate business tax to these small businesses. This change would not require a change to the Constitution. Would you support or oppose this proposal? ASK: WOULD THAT BE STRONGLY SUPPORT/OPPOSE OR JUST SOMEWHAT SUPPORT/OPPOSE?

1.	Strongly support	11.2%	(67)
2.	Somewhat support	18.5%	(111)
3.	Somewhat oppose	15.3%	(92)
4.	Strongly oppose	49.0%	(294)
5.	Don't Know/ Not Sure...DO NOT OFFER	5.8%	(35)
6.	Refused...DO NOT OFFER	0.2%	(1)

13. One proposal would raise the gas tax by \$600 million dollars and cut \$600 million from existing funding in the state budget raising \$1.2 billion for roads. This change would not require a change in the Constitution. However, it would require \$600 million in cuts to other priorities that have not yet been identified. Would you support or oppose this proposal? ASK: WOULD THAT BE STRONGLY SUPPORT/OPPOSE OR JUST SOMEWHAT SUPPORT/OPPOSE?

1.	Strongly support	6.3%	(38)
2.	Somewhat support	16.8%	(101)
3.	Somewhat oppose	13.5%	(81)
4.	Strongly oppose	52.2%	(313)
5.	Don't Know/ Not Sure...DO NOT OFFER	10.8%	(65)
6.	Refused...DO NOT OFFER	0.3%	(2)

14. Do you think the State Legislature should cancel its summer recess this year to stay in session to find a solution to Michigan's road funding problem? Or do you think they should just work on their existing schedule to find a solution to Michigan's road problem?

1.	Stay in session for the summer	78.8%	(473)
2.	Work on existing schedule	17.8%	(107)
3.	Don't Know...DO NOT OFFER	3.2%	(19)
4.	Refused...DO NOT OFFER	0.2%	(1)

15. And how important is it to you that the Michigan Legislature finds a solution to Michigan's road problems. Would you say the issue is urgent and needs immediate attention, the issue is important and needs to be dealt with in the next year, the issue is somewhat important but there are more pressing problems, or would you say the issue is not that important at all.

1.	Urgent, dealt with immediately.	50.8%	(305)
2.	Important, within the next year.	36.8%	(221)
3.	Somewhat important, but more pressing problems	10.3%	(62)
4.	Not important at all	1.5%	(9)
5.	Don't Know/ Refused...DO NOT OFFER	0.5%	(3)

Now, just a few questions for statistical purposes.

16. Generally speaking, would you say you tend to vote mostly for Republican candidates, do you vote mostly for Democratic candidates, or would you say that you vote equally for both Republican and Democratic candidates? IF VOTE EQUALLY, ASK: WOULD YOU SAY YOU LEAN MORE TO THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY, MORE TO THE REPUBLICAN PARTY, OR WOULD YOU SAY YOU ARE AN INDEPENDENT VOTER?

1.	Democratic	27.0%	(162)
2.	Lean Democratic	10.0%	(60)
3.	Independent	29.7%	(178)
4.	Lean Republican	7.5%	(45)
5.	Republican	23.3%	(140)
6.	Other...DO NOT OFFER	0.2%	(1)
7.	Don't Know/ Refused...DO NOT OFFER	2.3%	(14)

17. Thinking about the November presidential election, on a scale of one to ten - -with one being low and ten being high - how excited are you about casting a vote in this year's November election as compared to other past elections?

											SCORE:	6.7
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	DK/Ref		
9.3%	2.8%	4.0%	3.2%	18.3%	6.3%	7.7%	10.2%	5.5%	28.7%	4.0%		



18.	Do you or does any other member of your household belong to a labor union or a teachers association?		
1.	Yes, union household	27.3%	(164)
2.	No, non union household	71.3%	(428)
3.	Don't Know/ Refused....DO NOT OFFER	1.3%	(8)
19.	Could you please tell me in what year you were born?		
1.	1986-1997 (18-29)	16.2%	(97)
2.	1976-1985 (30-39)	16.3%	(98)
3.	1966-1975 (40-49)	19.5%	(117)
4.	1951-1965 (50-64)	25.2%	(151)
5.	1950 and before (65+)	20.7%	(124)
6.	Refused....DO NOT OFFER	2.2%	(13)
20.	And what is your race or ethnic background?		
1.	Caucasian	79.2%	(475)
2.	African American	12.0%	(72)
3.	Hispanic/Puerto Rican/ Mexican American	0.8%	(5)
4.	Asian	1.2%	(7)
5.	Mixed Race....DO NOT OFFER	1.7%	(10)
6.	Native American	1.2%	(7)
7.	Don't Know/ Refused....DO NOT OFFER	4.0%	(24)
21.	Gender		
1.	Male	48.0%	(288)
2.	Female	52.0%	(312)
22.	TELEPHONE		
1.	Cell phone	30.0%	(180)
2.	Land line	70.0%	(420)

## CROSSTABS

3. I am going to read you some reasons people may have voted no on Proposal 1. Tell me which would be the main reason YOU voted against Proposal 1? [ROTATE OPTIONS 1-7]

	No Money	Current Spending	Confusing	Cut	Trust	Anti	Give Tax	Aways
Dem	1.6%	8.1%	14.5%		0.0%	16.1%	11.3%	46.8%
Lean Dem	3.6%	17.9%	7.1%		7.1%	14.3%	7.1%	42.9%
Independent	0.0%	10.0%	2.2%		1.1%	17.8%	4.4%	60.0%
Lean GOP	9.1%	13.6%	13.6%		0.0%	9.1%	4.5%	50.0%
GOP	1.3%	18.2%	5.2%		7.8%	10.4%	7.8%	48.1%
Voted	1.8%	12.8%	7.1%		3.2%	14.2%	7.1%	51.8%
Didn't Vote								
18-29	4.0%	16.0%	24.0%		0.0%	16.0%	12.0%	28.0%
30-39	2.5%	12.5%	0.0%		2.5%	17.5%	2.5%	57.5%
40-49	0.0%	12.5%	3.6%		3.6%	16.1%	10.7%	53.6%
50-64	2.5%	13.8%	5.0%		2.5%	13.8%	7.5%	55.0%
65+	1.3%	12.0%	10.7%		5.3%	10.7%	4.0%	50.7%
Male	0.0%	13.1%	5.8%		3.6%	14.6%	6.6%	54.7%
Female	3.4%	12.4%	8.3%		2.8%	13.8%	7.6%	49.0%

4. Would you say Michigan's roads are better, worse or about the same as the roads in other states you have travelled?

	Better	Worse	Same
Dem	0.6%	86.4%	9.3%
Lean Dem	0.0%	88.3%	6.7%
Independent	1.7%	69.7%	21.3%
Lean GOP	4.4%	71.1%	22.2%
GOP	0.7%	83.6%	8.6%
Voted	1.5%	78.4%	12.9%
Didn't Vote	1.0%	80.3%	15.2%
18-29	2.1%	79.4%	15.5%
30-39	0.0%	83.7%	14.3%
40-49	1.7%	82.1%	9.4%
50-64	2.0%	82.1%	10.6%
65+	0.8%	67.7%	20.2%
Male	2.1%	77.1%	14.9%
Female	0.6%	80.8%	12.5%

5. I am going to read you some facts about Michigan's current budget. Michigan currently has a 52 billion dollar budget. \$22 billion of that is from the federal government and must be used for specific purposes outlined by the federal government. Another \$20 billion must be used for specific purposes laid out by the state constitution or state law – for example, for schools, public safety, agriculture and the environment. \$2 billion of that money must be used for transportation and roads. That leaves about \$10 billion, or 20% of the total state budget, in discretionary spending that the Legislature can move around for other purposes. Of that \$10 billion, the largest shares of it include 3 billion for health programs, 2 billion for the state prisons and \$1.4 billion for our public universities.

If Michigan were to find an additional \$1.2 billion for roads on an ongoing basis without raising taxes, where would you cut the \$1.2 billion from? [READ 1-6]

	K-12	Heathcare	Prisons	Universities	Support Tax Increase	
Dem	2.5%	1.2%	34.0%	11.1%	32.7%	
Lean Dem	0.0%	0.0%	35.0%	13.3%	26.7%	
Independent	1.1%	3.9%	27.5%	17.4%	21.9%	
Lean GOP	0.0%	6.7%	15.6%	22.2%	37.8%	
GOP	9.3%	8.6%	19.3%	22.9%	20.7%	
Voted	4.0%	4.0%	25.6%	15.7%	26.1%	
Didn't Vote	1.5%	4.0%	29.3%	20.2%	26.8%	
18-29	2.1%	2.1%	39.2%	17.5%	25.8%	
30-39	5.1%	5.1%	34.7%	15.3%	29.6%	
40-49	2.6%	7.7%	23.9%	15.4%	28.2%	
50-64	3.3%	4.0%	23.2%	12.6%	27.8%	
65+	3.2%	1.6%	19.4%	25.8%	20.2%	
Male	3.1%	5.2%	24.0%	18.8%	30.6%	
Female	3.2%	2.9%	29.5%	15.7%	22.4%	
Male	2.1%	1.0%	20.8%	11.5%	26.7%	28.5%
Female	1.0%	1.6%	33.3%	13.1%	17.0%	18.6%

6. One proposal would convert Michigan's flat gas tax to a wholesale tax and adjust the rate for inflation raising \$1.2 billion over four years. This would result in about a ten cent per gallon increase at the pump that would all go to transportation. Because the sales tax would continue on your gas purchase, money for schools and local governments would be unchanged. This proposal would not require any change to the constitution. Would you support or oppose this proposal? ASK: WOULD THAT BE STRONGLY SUPPORT/OPPOSE OR JUST SOMEWHAT SUPPORT/OPPOSE?

	Strongly Support	Somewhat Support	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose
Dem	17.9%	41.4%	8.6%	25.9%
Lean Dem	23.3%	35.0%	13.3%	18.3%
Independent	12.9%	32.6%	11.8%	33.7%
Lean GOP	8.9%	46.7%	11.1%	28.9%
GOP	22.1%	32.9%	9.3%	33.6%
Voted	18.2%	35.1%	10.2%	31.1%
Didn't Vote	14.6%	37.9%	12.1%	26.8%
18-29	12.4%	45.4%	15.5%	25.8%
30-39	15.3%	36.7%	11.2%	29.6%
40-49	18.8%	36.8%	9.4%	28.2%
50-64	20.5%	31.1%	10.6%	30.5%
65+	16.9%	33.1%	8.9%	32.3%
Male	20.8%	34.7%	10.1%	30.2%
Female	13.5%	37.2%	11.5%	29.2%

7. One proposal would raise \$1.2 billion over six years by replacing Michigan's flat gas tax with a wholesale tax and indexing it to inflation. This proposal would eliminate the 6% sales tax you pay on your gas purchases by 1% each year over six years. That means drivers would pay about ten cents more per gallon. But it would also mean that schools and local governments would no longer receive revenue from the collection of the sales tax at the pump which last year amounted to \$800 million. Those dollars could be replaced if state revenues grow, but there is no guarantee that the State Legislature would choose to replace the lost money to schools and local governments. This proposal would not require any change in the constitution. Would you support or oppose this proposal? ASK: WOULD THAT BE STRONGLY SUPPORT/OPPOSE OR JUST SOMEWHAT SUPPORT/OPPOSE?

	Strongly Support	Somewhat Support	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose
Dem	3.7%	11.7%	18.5%	61.7%
Lean Dem	10.0%	11.7%	15.0%	61.7%
Independent	2.2%	10.7%	16.9%	62.4%
Lean GOP	4.4%	15.6%	17.8%	53.3%
GOP	8.6%	14.3%	20.7%	52.9%
Voted	4.7%	12.2%	17.4%	60.7%
Didn't Vote	5.6%	13.1%	19.2%	55.6%
18-29	3.1%	12.4%	23.7%	57.7%
30-39	2.0%	9.2%	20.4%	64.3%
40-49	5.1%	11.1%	22.2%	59.0%
50-64	6.6%	13.9%	14.6%	58.9%
65+	7.3%	13.7%	13.7%	54.8%
Male	5.9%	13.2%	16.3%	60.8%
Female	4.2%	11.9%	19.6%	57.4%

8. One proposal would raise \$1.2 billion to fix the roads by increasing the 19 cents per gallon gas tax to 33 cents per gallon – a fourteen cent increase at the pump. It would increase registration fees by 60% for cars and 25% for trucks and trailers. After the first two years, the flat gas tax would convert to a per gallon rate on the wholesale price of fuel allowing gas tax revenues to grow as fuel prices grow. This proposal would not require any change in the constitution. Would you support or oppose this proposal? ASK: WOULD THAT BE STRONGLY SUPPORT/OPPOSE OR JUST SOMEWHAT SUPPORT/OPPOSE?

	Strongly Support	Somewhat Support	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose
Dem	5.6%	16.0%	15.4%	56.8%
Lean Dem	3.3%	21.7%	15.0%	53.3%
Independent	4.5%	16.9%	8.4%	64.6%
Lean GOP	4.4%	11.1%	13.3%	66.7%
GOP	2.9%	12.9%	18.6%	57.9%
Voted	4.5%	14.9%	11.4%	63.7%
Didn't Vote	3.5%	16.2%	18.2%	53.5%
18-29	3.1%	23.7%	21.6%	49.5%
30-39	3.1%	18.4%	15.3%	59.2%
40-49	5.1%	16.2%	15.4%	57.3%
50-64	4.6%	9.9%	11.3%	69.5%
65+	4.8%	9.7%	8.9%	62.1%
Male	4.9%	18.8%	12.5%	59.0%
Female	3.5%	12.2%	14.7%	61.5%

9. One proposal would raise \$1.2 billion to fix the roads by simply raising the sales tax by one cent from 6% to 7% and dedicate the new money just to fix the roads. This would increase the price at the pump by just 3 cents. Because it increases the sales tax and changes the Constitution, it would require voter approval. Would you support or oppose this proposal? ASK: WOULD THAT BE STRONGLY SUPPORT/OPPOSE OR JUST SOMEWHAT SUPPORT/OPPOSE?

	Strongly Support	Somewhat Support	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose
Dem	32.7%	25.3%	11.7%	25.9%
Lean Dem	40.0%	25.0%	6.7%	23.3%
Independent	31.5%	25.3%	9.0%	29.8%
Lean GOP	37.8%	26.7%	11.1%	24.4%
GOP	27.9%	28.6%	5.7%	35.0%
Voted	33.6%	21.9%	7.5%	32.8%
Didn't Vote	28.8%	34.8%	11.1%	21.7%
18-29	28.9%	39.2%	10.3%	21.6%
30-39	27.6%	27.6%	13.3%	27.6%
40-49	29.1%	31.6%	6.0%	28.2%
50-64	29.8%	25.8%	8.6%	30.5%
65+	44.4%	11.3%	7.3%	32.3%
Male	34.7%	22.2%	11.8%	28.1%
Female	29.5%	29.8%	5.8%	30.1%

10. One proposal would cut \$500 million in existing state funding from areas such as higher education and job training and redirect it to the roads. This proposal would raise only half of the \$1.2 billion that most experts agree is what Michigan needs to bring Michigan's roads up to good condition. This proposal would not raise taxes or require a change to the Constitution, but it would result in sharp cuts to areas like higher education and job training. Would you support or oppose this proposal? ASK: WOULD THAT BE STRONGLY SUPPORT/OPPOSE OR JUST SOMEWHAT SUPPORT/OPPOSE?

	Strongly Support	Somewhat Support	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose
Dem	4.9%	9.9%	14.8%	66.7%
Lean Dem	8.3%	13.3%	20.0%	48.3%
Independent	7.9%	20.8%	16.9%	47.2%
Lean GOP	15.6%	22.2%	15.6%	44.4%
GOP	16.4%	21.4%	16.4%	41.4%
Voted	9.7%	17.2%	12.9%	54.0%
Didn't Vote	10.1%	18.2%	23.2%	44.4%
18-29	11.3%	21.6%	17.5%	43.3%
30-39	4.1%	16.3%	19.4%	55.1%
40-49	9.4%	14.5%	23.1%	50.4%
50-64	10.6%	20.5%	9.3%	55.0%
65+	12.9%	15.3%	15.3%	47.6%
Male	10.8%	20.1%	14.9%	49.0%
Female	9.0%	15.1%	17.6%	52.6%

11. One proposal would create a broader reform of Michigan's taxes. It would convert the flat gas tax to a wholesale tax on purchases. It would remove the sales tax from fuel purchases but replace the revenues by extending the state sales tax to services like haircuts and tax preparation. But it would also cut the state income tax from 4.25 percent to 3.9 percent. It would raise 1.2 billion for roads and protect the current budgets of schools and local governments. But it would extend the sales tax to services. While individuals would get in income tax cut, it would be offset by an increase in the gas tax and a new sales tax on services. This change would not require a change to the Constitution. Would you support or oppose this proposal? ASK: WOULD THAT BE STRONGLY SUPPORT/OPPOSE OR JUST SOMEWHAT SUPPORT/OPPOSE?

	Strongly Support	Somewhat Support	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose
Dem	12.3%	30.2%	14.2%	31.5%
Lean Dem	18.3%	40.0%	8.3%	20.0%
Independent	6.2%	30.9%	16.3%	34.3%
Lean GOP	6.7%	33.3%	20.0%	24.4%
GOP	10.0%	26.4%	14.3%	41.4%
Voted	10.0%	28.1%	13.4%	38.1%
Didn't Vote	10.6%	35.9%	16.7%	23.7%
18-29	14.4%	42.3%	15.5%	15.5%
30-39	10.2%	29.6%	17.3%	30.6%
40-49	10.3%	32.5%	17.9%	29.9%
50-64	6.6%	30.5%	11.3%	40.4%
65+	8.9%	23.4%	13.7%	41.9%
Male	13.2%	33.3%	11.5%	34.4%
Female	7.4%	28.2%	17.3%	32.4%

12. One proposal would change how businesses are taxed in Michigan. In 2011, Michigan revised the state's corporate business tax to a flat 6%. But that tax applies to corporations. Most small businesses do not fall under those tax changes. Michigan could raise an additional \$1.2 billion for roads if it extended the 6% corporate business tax to these small businesses. This change would not require a change to the Constitution. Would you support or oppose this proposal? ASK: WOULD THAT BE STRONGLY SUPPORT/OPPOSE OR JUST SOMEWHAT SUPPORT/OPPOSE?

	Strongly Support	Somewhat Support	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose
Dem	13.6%	21.0%	17.3%	40.1%
Lean Dem	15.0%	25.0%	18.3%	31.7%
Independent	9.0%	20.2%	16.3%	48.9%
Lean GOP	11.1%	13.3%	13.3%	57.8%
GOP	7.9%	13.6%	11.4%	64.3%
Voted	11.7%	17.2%	15.2%	50.7%
Didn't Vote	10.1%	21.2%	15.7%	45.5%
18-29	9.3%	16.5%	21.6%	49.5%
30-39	9.2%	19.4%	16.3%	50.0%
40-49	11.1%	19.7%	16.2%	46.2%
50-64	11.9%	17.9%	10.6%	54.3%
65+	12.1%	20.2%	14.5%	45.2%
Male	14.6%	18.8%	12.8%	49.0%
Female	8.0%	18.3%	17.6%	49.0%

13. One proposal would raise the gas tax by \$600 million dollars and cut \$600 million from existing funding in the state budget raising \$1.2 billion for roads. This change would not require a change in the Constitution. However, it would require \$600 million in cuts to other priorities that have not yet been identified. Would you support or oppose this proposal? ASK: WOULD THAT BE STRONGLY SUPPORT/OPPOSE OR JUST SOMEWHAT SUPPORT/OPPOSE?

	Strongly Support	Somewhat Support	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose
Dem	2.5%	11.1%	16.7%	58.0%
Lean Dem	3.3%	18.3%	13.3%	56.7%
Independent	4.5%	15.7%	11.2%	56.2%
Lean GOP	11.1%	26.7%	8.9%	44.4%
GOP	13.6%	22.9%	15.0%	40.0%
Voted	6.2%	15.9%	10.4%	57.2%
Didn't Vote	6.6%	18.7%	19.7%	41.9%
18-29	5.2%	19.6%	22.7%	44.3%
30-39	6.1%	14.3%	15.3%	54.1%
40-49	7.7%	24.8%	10.3%	46.2%
50-64	6.6%	14.6%	11.3%	57.6%
65+	6.5%	12.9%	12.1%	54.0%
Male	8.7%	22.6%	10.4%	50.0%
Female	4.2%	11.5%	16.3%	54.2%

14. Do you think the State Legislature should cancel its summer recess this year to stay in session to find a solution to Michigan's road funding problem? Or do you think they should just work on their existing schedule to find a solution to Michigan's road problem?

	Stay Summer	Existing Schedule
Dem	81.5%	16.0%
Lean Dem	93.3%	6.7%
Independent	79.2%	16.9%
Lean GOP	68.9%	26.7%
GOP	72.1%	24.3%
Voted	81.1%	16.2%
Didn't Vote	74.2%	21.2%
18-29	63.9%	30.9%
30-39	76.5%	20.4%
40-49	87.2%	12.0%
50-64	78.8%	18.5%
65+	84.7%	11.3%
Male	78.8%	18.4%
Female	78.8%	17.3%

15. And how important is it to you that the Michigan Legislature finds a solution to Michigan's road problems. Would you say the issue is urgent and needs immediate attention, the issue is important and needs to be dealt with in the next year, the issue is somewhat important but there are more pressing problems, or would you say the issue is not that important at all.

	Urgent	Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important At All
Dem	60.5%	31.5%	8.0%	0.0%
Lean Dem	58.3%	31.7%	6.7%	1.7%
Independent	45.5%	41.0%	11.2%	1.7%
Lean GOP	48.9%	44.4%	6.7%	0.0%
GOP	42.9%	38.6%	14.3%	3.6%
Voted	52.5%	36.6%	8.7%	1.5%
Didn't Vote	47.5%	37.4%	13.6%	1.5%
18-29	32.0%	51.5%	14.4%	2.1%
30-39	48.0%	37.8%	12.2%	2.0%
40-49	59.0%	30.8%	9.4%	0.0%
50-64	50.3%	38.4%	7.9%	2.6%
65+	59.7%	29.0%	9.7%	0.8%
Male	50.7%	36.5%	10.4%	2.1%
Female	51.0%	37.2%	10.3%	1.0%