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- INTRO Hello, I'm calling from the Social Science Research Center at Cal State University, Fullerton. We're conducting an important research study on people's thoughts about transportation in the US. May we please have a few minutes of your time for this study?
1. CONTINUE [SKIP TO QCEL1]
2. PROCEED TO DISPOSITION SCREEN
3. CALLBACK
- LANG If you wish to conduct the interview in Spanish, select it now.
1. ENGLISH
2. SPANISH
- QCEL1 Before we continue, are you 18 years of age or older?
1. YES [SKIP TO QCEL2]
2. NO
- TANK3 Thank you for your time, but we are looking only for adults 18 and older for this survey. Have a nice (afternoon/evening). [END]
- QCEL2 And are you currently in a safe place to talk for a few minutes, or would you like us to call you back at another time?
1. CONTINUE [SKIP TO QA1XX]
2. CALL BACK LATER [CALLBACK]
3. QUIT [TANK2]
- CALLBACK What is a good time to call you back? [Press any key to schedule callback with respondent]
- [SHOW QA1A IF LANDLINE]
- QA1A (I) To make our survey as representative as possible, may I please speak to the adult in your household who had the most recent birthday, and 18 years of age or older? [If that person is not available, continue with person on phone]
1. CONTINUE WITH PERSON ON PHONE [SKIP TO QA1XX]
2. SWITCH TO NEW PERSON
3. CALL BACK LATER [CALLBACK]
9. REFUSED [TANK2]

QA1X (I) Hello, I'm calling from the Social Science Research Center at Cal State University, Fullerton. We're conducting an important research study on people's thoughts about transportation in the US. May we please have a few minutes of your time for this study?

1. YES [SKIP TO QA1XX]
2. NO
3. CALL BACK LATER [CALLBACK]

TANK2 Thank you for your time. Have a nice (afternoon/evening). [END]

QA1XX Great. This survey is completely voluntary, confidential and poses no risk to you in any way. If we come to a question you don't want to answer, just tell me and we'll move on.

Q1 We are interested in your opinions about the transportation system. When I talk about the transportation system, I mean local streets and roads, highways, and public transit services like buses, light rail, and trains. OK, here's my first question. In the community where you live, would you say that roads and highways are in very good condition, somewhat good condition, or bad condition?

1. VERY GOOD CONDITION
2. SOMEWHAT GOOD CONDITION
3. BAD CONDITION
8. DON'T KNOW
9. REFUSED

Q2 Does your community offer very good public transit service, somewhat good public transit service, poor public transit service, or no public transit service at all?

1. VERY GOOD SERVICE
2. SOMEWHAT GOOD SERVICE
3. POOR SERVICE
4. NO SERVICE
8. DON'T KNOW
9. REFUSED

DISP1 Now, please think about what the government could do to improve the transportation system for EVERYONE in the state where you live. I'm going to read you several options. For each one, tell me whether you think government should make that a high priority, medium priority, or low priority. [IF THE RESPONDENT ASKS, THIS QUESTION IS CONCERNED WITH ALL LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT (FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL)].

[RANDOMIZE Q3 TO Q7]

Q3 How about reducing traffic congestion? Should government make that a high, medium, or low priority? [IF THE RESPONDENT ASKS, THIS QUESTION IS CONCERNED WITH ALL LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT (FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL)].

1. HIGH PRIORITY
2. MEDIUM PRIORITY
3. LOW PRIORITY
8. DON'T KNOW
9. REFUSED

Q4 How about maintaining streets, roads, and highways in good condition, including filling potholes? Should government make that a high, medium, or low priority? [IF THE RESPONDENT ASKS, THIS QUESTION IS CONCERNED WITH ALL LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT (FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL)].

1. HIGH PRIORITY
2. MEDIUM PRIORITY
3. LOW PRIORITY
8. DON'T KNOW
9. REFUSED

Q5 How about expanding and improving local public transit service, like buses or light rail? Should government make that a high, medium, or low priority? [IF THE RESPONDENT ASKS, THIS QUESTION IS CONCERNED WITH ALL LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT (FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL)].

1. HIGH PRIORITY
2. MEDIUM PRIORITY
3. LOW PRIORITY
8. DON'T KNOW
9. REFUSED

Q6 How about reducing accidents and improving safety? Should government make that a high, medium, or low priority? [IF THE RESPONDENT ASKS, THIS QUESTION IS CONCERNED WITH ALL LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT (FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL)].

1. HIGH PRIORITY
2. MEDIUM PRIORITY
3. LOW PRIORITY
8. DON'T KNOW
9. REFUSED

Q7 How about adding more modern, technologically advanced systems like real-time travel alerts, longer lasting pavements, and better-timed traffic lights? Should government make that a high, medium, or low priority? [IF THE RESPONDENT ASKS, THIS QUESTION IS CONCERNED WITH ALL LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT (FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL)].

1. HIGH PRIORITY
2. MEDIUM PRIORITY
3. LOW PRIORITY
8. DON'T KNOW
9. REFUSED

DISP2 There are many ways the U.S. Congress could raise money to pay for maintaining and improving the transportation system. I'm going to ask your opinion about some of these different options. In each case, assume that the money collected would be spent ONLY for transportation purposes.

[RANDOMIZE BLOCKS Q8, Q9, Q10]

Q8 One idea (a DIFFERENT idea) is to adopt a new national, half-cent sales tax to pay for transportation. Would you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose this new sales tax?

1. STRONGLY SUPPORT
2. SOMEWHAT SUPPORT
3. SOMEWHAT OPPOSE
4. STRONGLY OPPOSE
8. DON'T KNOW
9. REFUSED

Q9A Right now the federal government collects a tax of 18 cents per gallon when people buy gasoline. One idea (a DIFFERENT idea) to raise money for transportation is to increase the federal gas tax by 10 cents a gallon, from 18 cents to 28 cents. Would you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose this gas tax increase?

1. STRONGLY SUPPORT
2. SOMEWHAT SUPPORT
3. SOMEWHAT OPPOSE
4. STRONGLY OPPOSE
8. DON'T KNOW
9. REFUSED

Q9B A VARIATION on the idea of raising the gas tax by 10 cents AT ONE TIME would be to spread the increase over 5 years. The tax would go up by 2 cents a year for each of five years. Would you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose THIS gas tax increase?

1. STRONGLY SUPPORT
2. SOMEWHAT SUPPORT
3. SOMEWHAT OPPOSE
4. STRONGLY OPPOSE
8. DON'T KNOW
9. REFUSED

Q10A One idea (a DIFFERENT idea) is to adopt a new tax based on the number of miles a person drives. Each driver would pay a tax of one cent for every mile driven. For example, someone driving one hundred miles would pay a tax of one dollar. Vehicles would have an electronic meter to keep track of the miles driven, and the tax would be paid each time drivers buy gas. Would you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose this new mileage tax?

1. STRONGLY SUPPORT
2. SOMEWHAT SUPPORT
3. SOMEWHAT OPPOSE
4. STRONGLY OPPOSE
8. DON'T KNOW
9. REFUSED

Q10B A VARIATION on the mileage tax just described is to have the tax rate VARY depending upon how much the vehicle pollutes. On average, vehicles would be charged one cent per mile, but vehicles that pollute less would be charged less, and vehicles that pollute more would be charged more. Would you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose THIS new mileage tax?

1. STRONGLY SUPPORT
2. SOMEWHAT SUPPORT
3. SOMEWHAT OPPOSE
4. STRONGLY OPPOSE
8. DON'T KNOW
9. REFUSED

DISP3 Now, imagine that the US Congress decided that the best option to raise money for transportation is to increase the federal gas tax by ten cents per gallon. I'm going to read you several different options for how the money is spent. For each, please tell me if you would strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose the gas tax increase.

[RANDOMIZE BLOCKS Q11 TO Q15]

- Q11 Would you support the gas tax increase if the new money were spent ONLY on projects to reduce LOCAL AIR POLLUTION caused by the transportation system?
1. STRONGLY SUPPORT
 2. SOMEWHAT SUPPORT
 3. SOMEWHAT OPPOSE
 4. STRONGLY OPPOSE
 8. DON'T KNOW
 9. REFUSED
- Q11SP IF THE RESPONDENT HAS COMMENTS ABOUT WHY THEY CHOSE THEIR ANSWER, RECORD THEM IN THE BOX BELOW. IF NOT, THEN RIGHT CLICK ON THE NEXT BUTTON AT THE BOTTOM OF THE SCREEN.
- Q12 Would you support the gas tax increase if the money were spent ONLY on projects to reduce the transportation system's contribution to GLOBAL WARMING?
1. STRONGLY SUPPORT
 2. SOMEWHAT SUPPORT
 3. SOMEWHAT OPPOSE
 4. STRONGLY OPPOSE
 8. DON'T KNOW
 9. REFUSED
- Q12SP IF THE RESPONDENT HAS COMMENTS ABOUT WHY THEY CHOSE THEIR ANSWER, RECORD THEM IN THE BOX BELOW. IF NOT, THEN RIGHT CLICK ON THE NEXT BUTTON AT THE BOTTOM OF THE SCREEN.
- Q13 Would you support the gas tax increase if the money were spent ONLY on projects to MAINTAIN streets, roads, and highways?
1. STRONGLY SUPPORT
 2. SOMEWHAT SUPPORT
 3. SOMEWHAT OPPOSE
 4. STRONGLY OPPOSE
 8. DON'T KNOW
 9. REFUSED
- Q13SP IF THE RESPONDENT HAS COMMENTS ABOUT WHY THEY CHOSE THEIR ANSWER, RECORD THEM IN THE BOX BELOW. IF NOT, THEN RIGHT CLICK ON THE NEXT BUTTON AT THE BOTTOM OF THE SCREEN.

- Q14 Would you support the gas tax increase if the money were spent ONLY on projects to reduce accidents and improve safety?
1. STRONGLY SUPPORT
 2. SOMEWHAT SUPPORT
 3. SOMEWHAT OPPOSE
 4. STRONGLY OPPOSE
 8. DON'T KNOW
 9. REFUSED
- Q14SP IF THE RESPONDENT HAS COMMENTS ABOUT WHY THEY CHOSE THEIR ANSWER, RECORD THEM IN THE BOX BELOW. IF NOT, THEN RIGHT CLICK ON THE NEXT BUTTON AT THE BOTTOM OF THE SCREEN.
- Q15 Would you support the gas tax increase if the money were spent ONLY on projects to add more modern, technologically advanced systems like real-time travel alerts, longer lasting pavements, and better-timed traffic lights?
1. STRONGLY SUPPORT
 2. SOMEWHAT SUPPORT
 3. SOMEWHAT OPPOSE
 4. STRONGLY OPPOSE
 8. DON'T KNOW
 9. REFUSED
- Q15SP IF THE RESPONDENT HAS COMMENTS ABOUT WHY THEY CHOSE THEIR ANSWER, RECORD THEM IN THE BOX BELOW. IF NOT, THEN RIGHT CLICK ON THE NEXT BUTTON AT THE BOTTOM OF THE SCREEN.
- Q16 Let me give you some information about how much the CURRENT federal gas tax costs an AVERAGE driver. Someone who drives 10,000 miles a year, in a vehicle that gets 20 miles to the gallon, will pay about 100 dollars a year. If Congress raised the gas tax by 10 cents a gallon, that same driver would now pay about 150 dollars a year. Now that you have this information, would you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose a 10 cent gas tax increase?
1. STRONGLY SUPPORT
 2. SOMEWHAT SUPPORT
 3. SOMEWHAT OPPOSE
 4. STRONGLY OPPOSE
 8. DON'T KNOW
 9. REFUSED
- DISP4 Now I have a few questions about public transportation. By public transit, I mean buses, light rail, and trains.

- Q17 When people ride public transit, they pay a fare. This money is used to pay for the service. Do you think that the money collected from public transit fares in general covers the full cost of the service?
- [NOTE: IF RESPONDENT ASKS WHAT KIND OF COSTS, SAY: "PLEASE THINK ABOUT COSTS TO BUILD, OPERATE, AND MAINTAIN THE SYSTEM."]
1. YES [SKIP TO Q18]
 2. NO
 8. DON'T KNOW
 9. REFUSED
- Q17AA In general, what percent of the full cost of public transit services do you think the fares cover?
1. SPECIFY PERCENT BETWEEN 0 AND 99
 777. DON'T KNOW
 999. REFUSED
- Q17 I'm going to read you a list of potential funding sources. For each, please tell me if you think it helps to pay for public transit services.
- A. The federal government?
 - B. State governments?
 - C. Local governments?
- [NOTE: IF THE RESPONDENT ASKS ABOUT THE DEFINITION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, SAY "EITHER CITIES, COUNTIES, PARISHES, OR BOROUGHES"]
1. Do/Does pay
 2. Do/Does not pay
 8. DON'T KNOW
 9. REFUSED
- Q18 Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose the use of your tax dollars for creating, expanding, and improving public transportation in your community?
1. STRONGLY SUPPORT
 2. SOMEWHAT SUPPORT
 3. SOMEWHAT OPPOSE
 4. STRONGLY OPPOSE
 8. DON'T KNOW
 9. REFUSED

[RANDOMLY ASSIGN EITHER Q19A OR Q19B]

Q19A Now I have a question about whether or not GAS tax money should be spent to pay for public transit. Some people say that money from gas taxes should only be spent on roads and highways, since drivers pay the tax. Other people say gas tax money should be used to pay for public transit IN ADDITION to roads and highways, because transit helps reduce traffic congestion and wear-and-tear on the roads. Would you support or oppose spending SOME gas tax money on public transit?

1. SUPPORT
2. OPPOSE
7. DON'T KNOW
9. REFUSED

Q19B Now I have a question about whether or not GAS tax money should be spent to pay for public transit. Some people say gas tax money should be used to pay for public transit IN ADDITION to roads and highways, because transit helps reduce traffic congestion and wear-and-tear on the roads. Other people say that money from gas taxes should only be spent on roads and highways, since drivers pay the tax. Would you support or oppose spending SOME gas tax money on public transit?

1. SUPPORT
2. OPPOSE
7. DON'T KNOW
9. REFUSED

Q20 Every five years, the US Congress reviews its spending priorities for transportation. All things considered, what do you believe Congress should do with the LEVEL of spending for public transportation? Should Congress significantly increase, slightly increase, slightly decrease, or significantly decrease spending for public transportation?

1. SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASE
2. SLIGHTLY INCREASE
3. SLIGHTLY DECREASE
4. SIGNIFICANTLY DECREASE
8. DON'T KNOW
9. REFUSED

Q21 Suppose Congress has voted to spend more money to expand and improve public transit around the country but has NOT yet decided how to pay for the improvements. Would you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose each of the following ways to raise money for public transit? [RANDOMIZE LIST A – C]

- A. Raise the federal gas tax
- B. Reduce spending on OTHER federal programs
- C. Raise transit fares

1. STRONGLY SUPPORT
2. SOMEWHAT SUPPORT
3. SOMEWHAT OPPOSE
4. STRONGLY OPPOSE
8. DON'T KNOW
9. REFUSED

Q22N Now, if you could only select ONE of the three options I just described, which would you prefer? Let me read them again for you. [READ FIRST 3 ONLY] [ROTATE LIST 1-3]

1. Raise the federal gas tax
2. Reduce spending on OTHER federal programs
3. Raise transit fares
4. I WOULD EQUALLY OPPOSE ALL THREE MEASURES
5. I WOULD EQUALLY SUPPORT ALL THREE MEASURES
8. DON'T KNOW
9. REFUSED

DIS4 I am now going to read you several statements. Please tell me if you agree or disagree with each one.

[RANDOMIZE BLOCKS Q23 TO Q25]

Q23A Here's the first (next) statement. As our country begins to recover from tough economic times, public transportation can be a solution and help pave the way to a stronger economy. Public transportation projects put Americans to work, revitalizing our communities. Do you agree or disagree with this statement?

1. AGREE
2. DISAGREE [SKIP TO Q23C]
8. DON'T KNOW
9. REFUSED

Q23B Would you say that you strongly agree or slightly agree?

1. STRONGLY AGREE
2. SLIGHTLY AGREE
8. DON'T KNOW
9. REFUSED

Q23C Would you say that you strongly disagree or slightly disagree? [SKIP IF Q23A=1]

1. STRONGLY DISAGREE
2. SLIGHTLY DISAGREE
8. DON'T KNOW
9. REFUSED

- Q24A Here's the next statement. Public transportation provides affordable transportation options for people. It expands access to job and career opportunities, as well as to medical facilities and schools and colleges. Do you agree or disagree with this statement?
1. AGREE
 2. DISAGREE [SKIP TO Q24C]
 8. DON'T KNOW
 9. REFUSED
- Q24B Would you say that you strongly agree or slightly agree?
1. STRONGLY AGREE
 2. SLIGHTLY AGREE
 8. DON'T KNOW
 9. REFUSED
- Q24C Would you say that you strongly disagree or slightly disagree? [SKIP IF Q24A=1]
1. STRONGLY DISAGREE
 2. SLIGHTLY DISAGREE
 8. DON'T KNOW
 9. REFUSED
- Q25A Here's the first (next) statement. Public transportation saves 4.2 billion gallons of gasoline that otherwise would have to be purchased from countries that may be unfriendly to America. Therefore, public transit reduces our dependence on foreign oil and transitions America toward a more energy efficient economy.
1. AGREE
 2. DISAGREE [SKIP TO Q25C]
 8. DON'T KNOW
 9. REFUSED
- Q25B Would you say that you strongly agree or slightly agree?
1. STRONGLY AGREE
 2. SLIGHTLY AGREE
 8. DON'T KNOW
 9. REFUSED

Q25C Would you say that you strongly disagree or slightly disagree? [SKIP IF Q25A=1]

1. STRONGLY DISAGREE
2. SLIGHTLY DISAGREE
8. DON'T KNOW
9. REFUSED

DISP5 Last, I have a few questions for statistical purposes only.

D1 What year were you born?

<-SPECIFY YEAR
999. REFUSED

D2 What is your gender?

1. MALE
2. FEMALE
9. REFUSED

D3 Are you of Hispanic or Latino origin or descent?

1. YES
2. NO
8. DON'T KNOW
9. REFUSED

D4 Which of the following describes your race? You can select as many as apply.

1. White
2. Black or African American
3. Asian or Asian American
4. Other
8. DON'T KNOW
9. REFUSED

D5 What is the highest degree or level of education you have completed?

1. Less than high school degree
2. High school degree
3. Some college
4. College graduate
5. Some graduate school
6. Graduate degree
8. DON'T KNOW
9. REFUSED

D6 Are you currently employed?

1. YES
2. NO
3. RETIRED
8. DON'T KNOW
9. REFUSED

D7 About how many miles did you, personally, drive during the past 12 months in all motorized vehicles? Please do not count miles you drove as part of a job. [IF THE RESPONDENT ASKS, THEY SHOULD INCLUDE THE COMMUTE TO AND FROM WORK, BUT NOT ANY MILES DRIVEN WHILE ON THE JOB.]

1. RECORD NUMBER OF MILES _____
2. DON'T DRIVE
8. DON'T KNOW
9. REFUSED

D8 Now think about the vehicle you drove the most in the past 12 months, to get around for personal reasons like shopping, commuting to work, or vacation trips. How many miles per gallon does the vehicle get?

1. MILES PER GALLON
2. HAVE AN ELECTRIC VEHICLE
3. DON'T DRIVE
8. DON'T KNOW
9. REFUSED

D9 In the last 30 days, have you taken any form of public transit like a bus, light rail, or commuter train?

1. YES
2. NO
8. DON'T KNOW
9. REFUSED

D10 As you know, many people are so busy these days they can't find time to register to vote, or they move around so often they don't get a chance to re-register. Are you now registered to vote, or have you not been able to register for one reason or another?

1. YES, REGISTERED
2. NO, NOT REGISTERED [SKIP TO D13]
3. I'M NOT A U.S. CITIZEN / I'M REGISTERED TO VOTE IN A COUNTRY OUTSIDE THE U.S. [SKIP TO D13]
8. DON'T KNOW [SKIP TO D13]
9. REFUSED [SKIP TO D13]

- D11 In what party are you registered to vote? [IF RESPONDENT SAYS "INDEPENDENT" ASK: DO YOU MEAN YOU'RE REGISTERED IN THE INDEPENDENT PARTY OR DO YOU MEAN YOU'RE REGISTERED BUT NOT WITH ANY PARTY?]
1. DEMOCRAT
 2. REPUBLICAN
 3. REGISTERED, BUT NOT WITH ANY PARTY [INDEPENDENT, OR DECLINE-TO-STATE IN CA]
 4. OTHER (INCLUDING INDEPENDENT PARTY)
 8. DON'T KNOW
 9. REFUSED
- D12 How often would you say you vote: all of the time, most of the time, occasionally, seldom, or never?
1. ALL OF THE TIME
 2. MOST OF THE TIME
 3. OCCASSIONALLY
 4. SELDOM
 5. NEVER
 8. DON'T KNOW
 9. REFUSED
- D13 What is your zip code? [IF RESPONDENT REFUSES TO ANSWER, ENTER 999]
- _____
- D16 Finally, and of course confidentially, what was your total household income in 2011 from all sources, before taxes. Please STOP me when I get to the right category.
1. Less than \$25,000 per year
 2. More than \$25,000 but less than \$50,000
 3. More than \$50,000 but less than \$75,000
 4. More than \$75,000 but less than \$100,000
 5. More than \$100,000 but less than \$125,000
 6. More than \$125,000 but less than \$150,000
 7. More than \$150,000
 8. DON'T KNOW
 9. REFUSED
- THANK Thank you for your time and your participation. Would you like the name and phone number of people you may call with questions or concerns about this survey? [IF YES: Please feel free to call: Laura Gil-Trejo at 657-278-2363.
- [END]