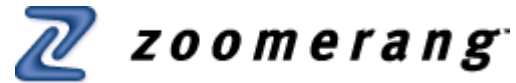


# Houston-Galveston Area Council Transportation Funding Survey Summer 2010



## Results Overview

Date: 8/23/2010 11:46 AM PST  
Responses: Completes  
Filter: No filter applied

This is a brief survey about funding for roadway and transit improvements. For decades our community relied on state and federal dollars to supplement local dollars that are used to grow and maintain the region's Transportation system; unfortunately the funds from these sources have not kept pace with our region's population growth. The result is that we can no longer afford to build everything that is planned. We need your input to decide what must be done: find new funding sources, change or reduce the number of planned transportation projects or maybe a combination of both. We need your opinion. Your responses will only be used to help gauge what the public would support. Responding to this poll will not result in changes to current policies. Please make your opinion count and complete the survey. Thank you for your participation.

1. What types of facilities or services should the region's transportation funds be dedicated to? Please rate each type of project, with 1 being "favor least" and 5 being "favor most".

Top number is the count of respondents selecting the option. Bottom % is percent of the total respondents selecting the option.	Favor Least	2	3	4	Favor Most
Freeways and highways	146 17%	104 12%	123 14%	166 19%	341 39%
Local streets and thoroughfares	40 5%	92 10%	216 25%	328 37%	204 23%
Bus and light rail service	122 14%	93 11%	156 18%	139 16%	370 42%
Sidewalks and bike paths	187 21%	174 20%	178 20%	171 19%	170 19%

2. How should our community fund transportation projects? Please rate each type of project, with 1 being "favor least" and 5 being "favor most".

Top number is the count of respondents selecting the option. Bottom % is percent of the total respondents selecting the option.	Favor Least	2	3	4	Favor Most
User fees (tolls, vehicle registrations, tax on miles driven, gas tax, transit fares)	140 16%	66 8%	134 15%	182 21%	358 41%
General revenue (property tax, sales tax)	202 23%	160 18%	247 28%	159 18%	112 13%
Fees on new development and construction	121 14%	113 13%	224 25%	194 22%	228 26%

**3.** If the motor fuels tax will be insufficient to meet transportation needs in the future, which course of action should our community take?

Find new local sources of funding		421	48%
Build fewer transportation projects		85	10%
Do both		387	44%

**4.** If you selected "Find new local sources of funding" or "Do both" in Question #3, please rate the increase in each source of transportation revenue, with 1 being "favor least" and 5 being "favor most". Please rate each option individually. You can use the same rating multiple times.

Top number is the count of respondents selecting the option. Bottom % is percent of the total respondents selecting the option.	Favor Least	2	3	4	Favor Most
Vehicle registration fees	92 11%	111 14%	202 25%	204 25%	192 24%
Tolls	115 14%	86 11%	160 20%	195 24%	250 31%
Local Sales tax on gasoline/diesel fuel	110 14%	97 12%	170 21%	181 23%	240 30%
New tax on mileage driven	369 46%	112 14%	117 15%	85 11%	115 14%
Bus and light rail fares	143 18%	157 20%	230 29%	159 20%	116 14%
General sales tax	225 28%	206 26%	193 24%	111 14%	63 8%
General property tax	396 50%	195 24%	143 18%	45 6%	20 3%
Fees on new development and construction	117 15%	111 14%	157 20%	192 24%	226 28%

**5.** If you selected "Build fewer transportation projects" or "Do both" in Question #3, please rate each type of project, with 1 being "favor least" and 5 being "favor most". Please rate each option individually. You can use the same rating multiple times.

Top number is the count of respondents selecting the option. Bottom % is percent of the total respondents selecting the option.	Favor Least	2	3	4	Favor Most
Freeways and highways	138 27%	64 13%	78 15%	85 17%	146 29%
Local streets and thoroughfares	48 9%	67 13%	154 30%	139 27%	100 20%
Bus and light rail service	102 20%	50 10%	87 17%	71 14%	204 40%

Sidewalks and bike paths	132 26%	89 18%	93 18%	73 14%	121 24%
--------------------------	------------	-----------	-----------	-----------	------------

Your input is vital to the success of H-GAC Transportation projects and programs. For more information about them, please visit [www.h-gac.com/transportation](http://www.h-gac.com/transportation).

[Products & Services](#) | [About Us](#) | [Support/Help](#) | [Zoomerang Forums](#)

© 2010 Copyright MarketTools Inc. All Rights Reserved. | [Privacy Policy](#) | [Terms Of Use](#)