

Hello, my name is _____ and I'm calling on behalf of ERG, a public opinion research company. We're calling because we would like to hear from Puget Sound area residents about issues you care about.

[IF NECESSARY] Your opinions will be kept strictly confidential and we are not selling anything.

1. Are you currently registered to vote at this address?

Yes -----100%
No ----- 0%

2. What is your age?

18-24 ----- 2%
25-29 ----- 3%
30-34 ----- 6%
35-39 ----- 8%
40-44 ----- 10%
45-49 ----- 11%
50-54 ----- 15%
55-59 ----- 10%
60-64 ----- 7%
65+ -----25%
(Refused) ----- 3%

3. Do you think things in this area are headed in the right direction or are things off on the wrong track?

Right direction ----- 36%
Wrong track----- 47%
(DON'T READ) DK ----- 18%

4. For you and your family, does it feel like the economy is getting stronger or not?

Getting stronger ----- 36%
Not getting stronger----- 56%
(DON'T READ) DK ----- 8%

5. What issues are you most concerned about these days? (DO NOT READ, PLEASE RECORD UP TO 2 RESPONSES)

War in Iraq, Saddam----- 34%
 Jobs, economy, unemployment ----- 31%
 Education ----- 13%
 Health care, prescription drugs ----- 13%
 Transportation----- 12%
 Taxes----- 11%
 Environment, conservation----- 5%
 Foreign affairs, terrorism, not Iraq ----- 5%
 Federal deficits, spending----- 4%
 Social Security/Medicare ----- 4%
 Defense, homeland security, military ----- 4%
 Other, please specify----- 25%
 (DON'T READ) DK ----- 4%

6. Several statewide and regional initiatives are being considered for the November 2004 ballot. Is your reaction to some of these potential initiatives mostly positive or mostly negative?

ROTATE	<u>Mostly Pos.</u>	<u>Mostly Neg.</u>	<u>DK</u>
()A. Raising taxes to fund smaller classes, extended learning programs, and preschool access for K through 12 and also higher education improvements-----	54%	41%	5%
()B. Raising taxes to maintain and expand roads, bridges, and highways in the Puget Sound area -----	43%	52%	5%
()C. Allowing electronic slot machine use in non-tribal venues, using the tax proceeds to reduce state property taxes-----	40%	49%	12%
()D. Creating a state income tax-----	23%	68%	9%
()E. Banning smoking inside buildings open to the public -----	67%	26%	7%

7. What grade, from A to F, would you give Washington State for the job it has done to invest in a transportation system that stimulates economic growth?

A----- 2%
 B----- 10%
 C----- 36%
 D----- 30%
 F ----- 22%

8. I'd like to focus on our regional transportation needs for a moment. Studies show there is \$100 billion dollars worth of projects that need to be completed over the next 30 years in the tri-county area which includes Snohomish, King, and Pierce counties. Is it very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not important at all that we focus on _____ in order to begin addressing our current needs?

ROTATE	Very Imp.	Sw. Imp.	Not Too Imp.	Not Imp. At All	(DON'T READ) DK
()A. Improving congestion and choke points on our roads, bridges, and highways	67%	27%	3%	2%	2%
()B. Maintaining the condition of our roads, bridges, and highways	63%	32%	2%	2%	2%
()C. Making safety improvements to our roads, bridges, and highways	58%	32%	5%	2%	2%
()D. Providing more options for drivers to take the bus, ride light rail, ride a bike, or walk	54%	24%	10%	7%	4%

9. On a typical day, which of the following situations involving transit frustrates you the most? You may choose up to three responses. By transit, we mean bus service, vanpools, the Monorail, Sound Transit light rail, and biking options. (READ AND ROTATE)

Lack of late-night and weekend transit service	18%
Transit systems aren't well-coordinated	17%
No bus service in your neighborhood	14%
Having to walk too far to get to bus, light rail, or Monorail stop	13%
Not enough express transit service	12%
Park and ride lots are unsafe	11%
Not enough bike lanes	10%
Not enough park and ride lots in your area	9%
Uncovered transit shelters	8%
Unreliable transit service	8%
Vanpools don't save you time	4%
All buses don't provide bike racks	3%
Other, please specify	9%
(DON'T READ) DK	34%

10. On a typical day, which of the following situations involving driving frustrates you the most? You may choose up to three responses. (READ AND ROTATE)

- Other people's driving behavior ----- 48%
- Stop and go traffic on freeways ----- 37%
- Traffic congestion on local roads leading to
freeways ----- 34%
- Bottlenecks at on and off ramps ----- 31%
- Potholes and other rough driving spots ----- 18%
- Trip times are hard to predict ----- 15%
- Delays related to road construction ----- 14%
- The cost of parking your car ----- 14%
- Not enough parking spots in residential areas 9%
- Not enough parking spots where you work --- 7%
- Unsafe roadways ----- 7%
- Other, please specify----- 2%
- (DON'T READ) DK ----- 6%

11. Now I'm going to read you a list of transportation organizations. For each one, please tell me if you have a strongly favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or strongly unfavorable opinion of it. If you have never heard of one, please just say so.

ROTATE	<u>Strongly Fav.</u>	<u>Swt. Fav.</u>	<u>Swt. Unfav.</u>	<u>Strongly Unfav.</u>	<u>(DON'T READ) DK</u>
()A. Sound Transit -----	15%	34%	14%	13%	24%
()B. The Seattle Monorail Project-----	15%	27%	16%	23%	19%
()C. King County Metro -----	23%	40%	6%	4%	26%
()D. Washington State DOT (say D-O-T)-----	14%	43%	15%	8%	20%
()E. Community Transit-----	14%	33%	6%	3%	44%
()F. Pierce Transit-----	9%	22%	4%	2%	64%

12. Next, I'd like to describe some of the largest transportation projects being discussed right now in King County. Please tell me if you support each project, and if so, if constructing each project is something that should be done in the next 3 years, between 4 and 10 years, or if you think the project can wait 10 or more years to be completed. Do you support _____? (IF SUPPORT, ASK): Should this be done in 1-3 years, 4-10 years, or after 10 years?

ROTATE	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>1-3 Years</u>	<u>4-10 Years</u>	<u>10+ Years</u>	<u>(DON'T READ) DK</u>
()A. Replacing the Alaskan Way Viaduct along Seattle's waterfront-----	18%	38%	25%	6%	13%
()B. Adding one to two freeway lanes to Interstate 405 between Tukwila and Bothell -----	17%	31%	26%	9%	17%
()C. Replacing the 520 bridge and adding HOV lanes between Seattle and Bellevue on 520-----	24%	23%	27%	7%	19%
()D. Extending State Route 509 from SeaTac to meet I-5 at the top of the South Center hill, and adding lanes to both directions on I-5 south to Federal Way -----	18%	25%	28%	7%	22%
()E. Extending light rail to the Seatac Airport -----	16%	48%	22%	4%	10%
()F. Extending light rail to Northgate -----	24%	30%	23%	6%	18%

()G. Re-configuring and adding ramps to the I-405/SR 167 Interchange -----	16%	31%	20%	5%	28%
()H. Adding lanes to SR 167 in King County between Renton and Auburn -----	14%	33%	22%	5%	26%
()I. Re-configuring and adding ramps to I-5 in Federal Way between SR 18 and SR 161--	15%	19%	19%	6%	40%

ASK NEXT QUESTION ONLY OF SNOHOMISH COUNTY RESPONDENTS

13. For this list of Snohomish County projects, please tell me if you support each project, and if so, if constructing each project is something that should be done in the next 3 years, between 4 and 10 years, or if you think the project can wait 10 or more years to be completed. Do you support _____? (IF SUPPORT, ASK): Should this be done in 1-3 years, 4-10 years, or after 10 years?

ROTATE	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>1-3 Years</u>	<u>4-10 Years</u>	<u>10+ Years</u>	<u>(DON'T READ) DK</u>
()A. Add lanes to SR 9 between Lake Stevens to the county line -----	15%	42%	27%	3%	13%
()B. Add lanes to US 2 between I-5 to SR 294 -----	15%	33%	17%	3%	33%
()C. Add lanes to SR 522 between Paradise Lake Road and US 2 in Monroe -----	14%	43%	20%	2%	21%
()D. Make various improvements to SR 532 from Camano Island to I-5 -----	23%	19%	26%	11%	21%
()E. Add lanes to US 2 through Sultan including building a new bridge across the Sultan River -----	12%	29%	34%	5%	20%

ASK NEXT QUESTION ONLY OF PIERCE COUNTY RESPONDENTS

14. For this list of Pierce County projects, please tell me if you support each project, and if so, if constructing each project is something that should be done in the next 3 years, between 4 and 10 years, or if you think the project can wait 10 or more years to be completed. Do you support _____? (IF SUPPORT, ASK): Should this be done in 1-3 years, 4-10 years, or after 10 years?

ROTATE	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>1-3 Years</u>	<u>4-10 Years</u>	<u>10+ Years</u>	<u>(DON'T READ) DK</u>
()A. Extend SR 167 from Puyallup to the Port of Tacoma -----	13%	46%	27%	5%	9%
()B. Add HOV lanes on I-5 from Pacific Avenue to the Port of Tacoma and on SR 16 across the Nalley Valley connecting to I-5 --	22%	45%	22%	3%	8%
()C. Add lanes on SR 162 from Orting to Sumner and add lanes on SR 410 from 166 th Avenue east to SR 167 -----	21%	26%	21%	7%	25%
()D. Build a new 4 lane highway running from exit 123 between McCord Air Force base and Fort Lewis -----	28%	27%	23%	2%	20%
()E. Re-align SR 302 into a new, wider corridor with a new connection location to SR 16 -----	15%	23%	13%	5%	44%

15. I mentioned earlier that studies show that as much as \$100 billion worth of transportation improvements need to be made in the tri-county area over the next 30 years. Do you believe we can address those transportation needs with existing revenue sources?

Yes ----- 38%
 No ----- 48%
 (DON'T READ) DK ----- 14%

16. If new revenue was needed to complete these projects, several different kinds of taxes might be considered. Would you support or oppose _____ to pay for regional transportation projects? (ROTATE A-D. E & F go last)

	<u>Would Support</u>	<u>Would Oppose</u>	<u>(DON'T READ) DK</u>
()A. A gas tax-----	32%	66%	3%
()B. An increase in the sales tax -----	27%	69%	4%
()C. An increase in your annual flat-rate car tab fee -----	50%	46%	4%
()D. An increase on the tax you pay related to the monetary value of your car -----	45%	51%	4%
E. Tolls or user fees-----	55%	38%	8%
F. A tax based on the weight of your vehicle--	42%	52%	6%

16.1. If the gas tax was _____, would you support or oppose it? (READ IN ORDER UNTIL RESPONDENT SUPPORTS, THEN GO BACK TO Q16)

	<u>Would Support</u>	<u>Would Oppose</u>	<u>(DON'T READ) DK</u>
A. 40 cents a gallon-----	46%	48%	6%
B. 25 cents a gallon-----	51%	41%	8%
C. 10 cents a gallon-----	71%	21%	7%
D. 5 cents a gallon -----	83%	8%	8%

16.2. If the increase in the sales added _____, would you support or oppose it? (READ IN ORDER UNTIL RESPONDENT SUPPORTS, THEN GO BACK TO Q16)

	<u>Would Support</u>	<u>Would Oppose</u>	<u>(DON'T READ) DK</u>
A. 50 cents to a hundred dollar purchase -----	87%	12%	2%
B. 30 cents to a hundred dollar purchase -----	61%	33%	6%
C. 10 cents to a hundred dollar purchase -----	86%	14%	0%

16.3. If your annual car tab fee increased _____ over what you pay now, would you support or oppose it? (READ IN ORDER UNTIL RESPONDENT SUPPORTS, THEN GO BACK TO Q16)

	<u>Would Support</u>	<u>Would Oppose</u>	<u>(DON'T READ) DK</u>
A. One hundred dollars-----	51%	47%	2%
B. Seventy five dollars-----	25%	72%	2%
C. Fifty dollars-----	74%	25%	1%

16.4. If the tax you pay related to the value of your car increased to _____ for a 2 year old car worth \$20,000 dollars, would you support or oppose it? (READ IN ORDER UNTIL RESPONDENT SUPPORTS, THEN GO BACK TO Q16)

	<u>Would Support</u>	<u>Would Oppose</u>	<u>(DON'T READ) DK</u>
A. Seventy six dollars-----	83%-----	13%-----	4%
B. Fifty seven dollars-----	68%-----	21%-----	11%
C. Thirty eight dollars-----	58%-----	8%-----	33%
D. Nineteen dollars-----	20%-----	0%-----	80%

17. Historically, state funds have paid for improvements and maintenance to state highways and freeways and local funds have been raised to pay for mass transit choices, such as the Monorail. However, in recent years, state and federal funding for regular road maintenance, safety improvements, and congestion relief has fallen off sharply. With fewer state funds available, many communities have had to tax themselves to address their most pressing transportation problems. How do you feel about this? Is your inclination to support local tax measures that fund transportation projects in this region or are you inclined to oppose these measures?

Inclined to support-----	48%
Inclined to oppose-----	45%
(DON'T READ) DK-----	8%

18. Please listen to the following three statements and tell me which should be the region's first, second, and third priority. (READ ALL THREE STATEMENTS AND THEN GET RESPONSE)

ROTATE	<u>First</u>	<u>Second</u>	<u>Third</u>
A) Maintaining and repairing existing transportation structures and roadways such as the Alaskan Way Viaduct, the 520 floating bridge, and the I-5 pavement from Pierce to Snohomish County has to be the region's number one priority. All new tax revenue for transportation should be spent on projects that preserve what we have now -	33%-----	42%-----	25%
B) Expanding our roadways to provide traffic relief and eliminate bottlenecks has to be the region's number one priority. All new tax revenue for transportation should be spent on projects such as widening roads, adding lanes, and completing the HOV network throughout the region-----	34%-----	32%-----	34%
C) Investing in mass transit alternatives that help move large numbers of people has to be the region's number one priority. All new tax revenue for transportation should be spent on vanpools, buses, light rail, more park and ride lots, and bike lanes-----	34%-----	26%-----	41%

19. You just told us your priorities for the region. If you could decide how all future funds are allocated, would you give 100% of the funding to _____ (READ TOP CHOICE FROM PRIOR QUESTION), would you give 50% of the funding to _____ and another 50% to _____ (READ TOP 2 CHOICES FROM PRIOR QUESTION), or would you give a third of the funding to each project?

100% to one ----- 8%
 50%/50% ----- 52%
 33%/33%/33% ----- 34%
 (DON'T READ) DK ----- 6%

20. As our final question, I'd like you to think about our transportation needs in this region and please tell me if it is more important to you to: _____?

Complete a few major projects, but no small projects OR ----- 85%
 Start major projects and dozens of smaller projects, but not finish them ----- 6%
 (DON'T READ) DK ----- 9%

Lastly, for comparison purposes only. Please answer the following questions.

A. Gender
 Male ----- 46%
 Female ----- 54%

B. How do you get around on most days? Do you drive alone, carpool, vanpool, ride the bus, ride another form of mass transit or commuter rail, bike or walk? (ONE RESPONSE ONLY)

Drive alone ----- 71%
 Carpool ----- 14%
 Vanpool ----- 1%
 Ride the bus ----- 6%
 Ride other type of transit ----- 1%
 Bike ----- 2%
 Walk ----- 4%
 Motorcycle ----- 0%
 (DON'T READ) DK ----- 2%

C. Are you currently employed, unemployed and looking for work, or unemployed and not looking for work?

Employed ----- 56%
 Unemployed, but looking ----- 4%
 Unemployed, but not looking ----- 40%

D. How many miles do you commute from your home to your place of work?

Less than 10 miles ----- 45%
 10-15 miles ----- 19%
 16-20 miles ----- 11%
 21-29 miles ----- 8%
 More than 30 miles ----- 15%
 (DON'T READ) DK ----- 3%

E. For statistical purposes only, please tell me which category applies to your total household income for this year, 2003, before taxes? Just stop me when I get to the right category. (READ CATEGORIES)

Under \$20,000-----	6%
Between \$20,000 and \$40,000-----	16%
Between \$40,000 and \$60,000-----	20%
Between 60,000 and \$80,000-----	15%
Between \$80,000 and \$100,000-----	14%
More than \$100,000-----	14%
(DON'T READ) DK OR REFUSED-----	15%

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION! WE REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR TIME AND OPINIONS.

FROM SAMPLE:

F. County

King-----	61%
Snohomish-----	19%
Pierce-----	20%

G. Vote History

No vote history-----	9%
Voted Primary 00-----	58%
Voted General 00-----	83%
Voted Primary 01-----	45%
Voted General 01-----	65%
Voted Primary 02-----	52%
Voted General 02-----	76%
Voted Primary 03-----	48%
Voted General 03-----	60%