



Magellan Strategies

Colorado Transportation Funding Survey Topline Results

Magellan Strategies, jointly with Public Policy Polling, are pleased to present the topline results for a 748n live and automated survey of likely 2018 general election voters in the state of Colorado. The interviews were conducted January 30th – February 1st, 2018. This survey has a margin of error of +/- 3.58% at the 95 percent confidence interval. The survey is weighted on past general election demographics.

T1. Are you registered to vote in Colorado as a Republican, a Democrat, an unaffiliated voter, or are you not registered to vote?

Republican	37%
Democrat	33%
Unaffiliated	30%

T2. Although it is a long way off, how likely are you to vote in the 2018 November election for Governor, Congress and the state legislature?

Extremely Likely	83%
Very Likely	12%
Somewhat Likely	5%

There may be three or more initiatives on the ballot this November to increase funding for transportation projects across Colorado. I am now going to read to you some information about three of those ballot initiatives. After hearing each one, I want you to tell me if you would vote YES and approve that ballot initiative, or if you would vote NO and reject it. Let's get started.

T3. This ballot initiative would increase funding for transportation projects across the state by permanently increasing the Specific Ownership Tax on Colorado motor vehicles, commercial trailers and special mobile machinery that is at least 10 years old but less than 25 years old.

Currently, the annual cost of the Specific Ownership Tax for motor vehicles, commercial trailers and special mobile machinery that is at least 10 years old is \$3 a year.

If approved, the annual \$3 fee for motor vehicles and commercial trailers that are 10 years old or older would be replaced with a tax rate of point 0.0035%. The new tax rate would decrease over time until the vehicle is 25 years old.

If approved, motor vehicles, commercial trailers and special mobile machinery that is currently 10 years old or older would be exempt from the new tax rate, and continue to pay an annual fee of \$3.

In addition to increasing the Specific Ownership Tax rate, this ballot initiative would permit the state of Colorado to issue \$4 billion in transportation bonds, with a maximum repayment cost of \$6.3 billion. The money raised by the transportation bonds could only be spent on transportation projects.

If this initiative were on the ballot in November, would you vote YES and approve it or would you vote NO and reject it?

Total Yes, Approve	59%
Total No, Reject	33%
Definitely Yes, Approve.....	27%
Probably Yes, Approve	32%
Definitely No, Reject.....	22%
Probably No, Reject	11%
Undecided	8%
Refused	0%



T4. This ballot initiative would increase funding for specific road and bridge projects across the state, not by raising taxes, but by requiring the Governor and state legislature to allocate less than 2% of Colorado’s current budget towards specific road and bridge projects every year.

If approved, this ballot initiative would not raise any taxes, and would permit the state of Colorado to issue \$3.5 billion in transportation bonds, with a maximum repayment cost of \$5.2 billion. The money raised by the transportation bonds could only be used for specified transportation projects.

If this initiative were on the ballot in November, would you vote YES and approve it or would you vote NO and reject it?

Total Yes, Approve	73%
Total No, Reject	20%
Definitely Yes, Approve.....	39%
Probably Yes, Approve	34%
Definitely No, Reject.....	11%
Probably No, Reject	9%
Undecided	7%
Refused	0%



T5. This ballot initiative would increase funding for transportation projects across the state by increasing state sales taxes by 0.62% for twenty-five years. The proposed state sales tax increase is estimated to raise \$715 million annually.

If approved, the ballot initiative would also permit the state to issue \$3.5 billion in transportation bonds, with a maximum repayment cost of \$5.0 billion.

This ballot initiative specifically states how the transportation funds would be spent. This section of the ballot language reads as:

49.8% IS USED TO FUND STATE TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS,

33.2% IS USED TO FUND MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS,

15% OF THE NEW REVENUE IS USED TO FUND MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS,

AND 2% IS USED TO FUND HIGH PRIORITY WATER PROJECTS

If this initiative were on the ballot in November, would you vote YES and approve it or would you vote NO and reject it?

Total Yes, Approve	52%
Total No, Reject	40%
Definitely Yes, Approve.....	22%
Probably Yes, Approve	30%
Definitely No, Reject.....	27%
Probably No, Reject	13%
Undecided	8%
Refused	0%



T6. If the transportation initiative that would raise the state sales tax by 0.62% for twenty-five years were on the ballot AND...the ballot initiative that would require the Governor and state legislature to allocate less than 2% of Colorado's current budget towards specific road and bridge projects each year without raising any taxes were on the ballot, how would you vote?

Vote Yes on Both.....	31%
Vote No on Sales Tax, Yes on 2% Budget.....	24%
Vote No on Both	22%
Vote Yes on Sales Tax, No on 2% Budget.....	10%
Unsure	13%
Refused	0%

T7. If the transportation initiative that would permanently increase the Specific Ownership Tax on Colorado motor vehicles, commercial trailers and special mobile machinery that is at least 10 years old but less than 25 years old were on the ballot AND...the ballot initiative that would require the Governor and state legislature to allocate less than 2% of Colorado's current budget towards specific road and bridge projects each year were on the ballot, how would you vote?

Vote Yes on Both.....	30%
Vote No on Both	28%
Vote No on Ownership Tax, Yes on 2% Budget	18%
Vote Yes on Ownership Tax, No on 2% Budget	11%
Unsure	13%
Refused	0%

T8. Are you male or female?

Female	52%
Male.....	48%

T9. Which of the following age groups applies to you?

18-34	18%
35-44	16%
45-54	20%
55-64	23%
65+	23%
Refused	0%



T10. To ensure that we have a representative sample what is your race or ethnicity? Are you white, Hispanic, Spanish or Mexican American, black or African American, or do you consider yourself to be part of another racial or ethnic group?

White	80%
Hispanic or Latino	14%
African American or Black.....	3%
Other.....	3%
Don't Know or Refused	0%

Survey Methodology

This survey was conducted by live dialing cell phone sample and automated touchtone technology to landline sample. The sample used for this survey was randomly drawn from a state of Colorado voter file. The interviews were conducted January 30th – February 31st, 2018. This survey was weighted based on past general election voting demographics. Three attempts were made to interview each household in the sample. This survey has a margin of error of +/- 3.58% at the 95 percent confidence interval.

