

Voter Support for Road Money for Roads

Statewide survey conducted by Research & Polling, Inc. | August 25 – September 3, 2026

The purpose of the research study was to assess New Mexico voter's perceived condition of the state's roads and highways, how high of a priority road construction and maintenance should be for the state, and support levels for directing all funds from the motor vehicle excise taxes to road construction and maintenance.

The poll was conducted by Research & Polling, Inc. with a sample size of 436 registered voters statewide, with a margin of error of 4.7%. Below is an overview of the poll results.

Detailed Findings:

- Voters were asked to rate the conditions of roads and highways:

42% of voters rate roads poor or very poor, and 22% rate them excellent or good



- 3% said excellent
- 19% said good
- 36% said fair
- 29% said poor
- 13% said very poor

- Voters were then asked about the priority the state should put on road construction and maintenance:

83% of voters think road construction and maintenance should be a high priority or somewhat high priority



- 32% said very high priority
- 51% said somewhat high priority
- 12% said somewhat low priority

- When asked if voters would support or oppose requiring all money collected from the motor vehicle excise tax to be used for road construction or maintenance:

More than 50% of voters would support directing all motor vehicle excise tax revenue to the road fund



- 54% said they would support
- 12% said they would oppose
- 28% said it depends on other factors